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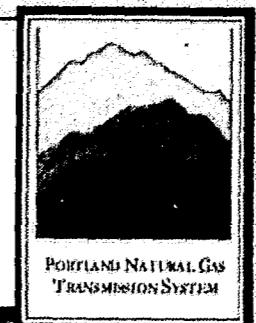
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me he doesn't mind these
restrictions placed on his
property, I'm going to have
a hard time voting for it.'

REGGIE BROWN
Bethel Selectman

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Sewer/water engineering to Telstar will go to bid BWD trustees would have preferred to stick with their current engineer

By REBECCA ZICARELLI

Bringing town water and sewer services to Telstar High School is a priority for the SAD44 School Board.

"We've actually come to the point that we've missed school days because of our water situation," Kelly Scotti, chairman of the School Board, said Tuesday night at a meeting to discuss the project. "We need to take care of this."

Part of the School Board's mission is to assure votes for the project by assuring voters of a competitive bidding process in selecting an engineer and selecting a contractor.

But not everyone sitting at the table agreed.

For the Bethel Water District, working with their own engineer, rather than seeking competitive bids, is the priority.

"If we were to do this with just the Water District, there would be no bid process," Donnie Katlin of the Bethel Water District said.

The occasion was a meeting that included members of the School Board, the Water District trustees and employees, and the Bethel Selectmen. They met to discuss bring-

ing the utility to Telstar.

The meeting did finally produce an agreement on the process. It also highlighted the difficulties of coordinating a project when there are three municipal agencies with differing policies and regulations governing their actions.

Single engineer

The School Board stipulated that a single engineer and a single contractor will be used.

"We don't want the duplication of services increasing costs," Scotti said.

The engineering and construction contracts must go through a competitive bidding process. Scotti, Supt. Kent Rosberg, and a number of other school board members repeatedly pointed out that a competitive bidding process was necessary. This is intended to assure voters of the towns in the district that they're getting the best price on the project.

The Bethel Board of Selectmen agreed to the competitive bidding process. Both the town and the School Board are required, by policy and law, to send large projects out to bid.

See TELSTAR, page 5

Frost heaves and potholes are charging their seasonal tolls

Drivers can pay
up at their local
auto repair shop

By ALISON ALOISIO

Battling frost heaves and potholes is a late winter tradition for drivers in this part of the world.

The coping skills are well known — slow down, take evasive maneuvers, use alternate routes until the roads thaw, or just stay home.

But for some people, dealing with the bad roads is more than just an inconvenience. It's part of their job.

As in other aspects of life, it helps to have a positive outlook when the bumps come along. Norm Haggan, MDOT engineer for this area of the state, has learned to look on the bright side.

"We need speed bumps on some of our roads," he said. "But we don't purposely put in speed bumps. We take advantage of the ones we have."

And they always seem to have plenty, regardless of the severity of the winter. The past two seasons have been a study in contrasts, but they have each produced their share of heaves and holes. (For the anatomy of frost heaves and potholes, see sidebar.)

Last year, the snowy winter, featuring prolonged sub-zero temperatures, drove the frost deeper into the ground. That produced frost heaves that were worse than usual, Haggan said. "They were deeper than they have been in 10 years," he said.

Are we having fun yet? See our ad on page 3

The good news: when it finally did warm up, it stayed that way. "It was so hot in April and May that the snow was actually evaporating rather than melting," he said. That was relatively good for the roads, as they melted and drained in one continuous process.

Compare that to this winter — a warm one with little snow, and without terribly deep freezes, but one that now can't seem to make up its mind whether to stay warm or keep flirting with cold.

Last week's changeable temperatures, said Haggan, produced a freeze/thaw cycle every day, wreaking havoc with the roads. "If it would either stay warm or stay cold, that would be better for us," he said.

But the snow and rain drought could be a plus for the roads in the end, he said. "We're hoping that with the low water table, it will help us this spring by making the frost go out a little quicker."

Amid the hoping, the MDOT crews do what they can to minimize the damage to the roads and vehicles. They fill holes with crusher dust and sand until the roads finally settle out, when more permanent patching can be done.

In a perfect — and much richer — world, the best solution is to rebuild roads with a higher quality base that will not heave with the frost. But with road budgets as they are, the crews continue to wage the yearly battle against the frost.

The infamous Greenwood Road It's a similar battle on the local See HEAVES AND HOLES, page 4

Western Maine Snowshoe Challenge Benefits Mahoosuc Arts Council Sunday, March 17, 2002 At the Sunday River Inn & Cross Country Ctr. Sunday River Access Rd. 9:30 X-Country Reg. - 7.5 & 3K Noon Sprint Reg. - 2.5m - 400M \$5/\$7 entrance fee Sponsored by: Max Gillies Ron E. Hoffman, Esq.

Thanks to: Sunday River Inn, Fraternal Snowshoe Union of ME & N.H. FMI & application forms: 207 824-3575

March 17, 2002 • 7:30-11am The Rotary Club of Bethel hosts A Country Breakfast Ordway Hall, Gould Academy To benefit scholarships and International Projects Adults \$5.00 Under 12 \$2.50

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Letters

TREAT AGING FLAGS WITH RESPECT

To the Editor:

On Sept. 13, the Congress of the United States was prompted by the events of Sept. 11 to pass House Concurrent Resolution 225. It reads in part as follows: "in response to the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11th, United States Citizens should join together to defend and honor our Nation and its symbols of strength by flying the Flag of our Nation for a 30 day period."

Patriotism has been obvious in many forms during the months after the attack, but we should take notice of the flags so diligently displayed throughout the days and weeks following Sept. 11.

Flags are lying on the ground, flying tattered on telephone poles and even on automobiles. Some are faded beyond recognition and in some cases are becoming less desirable than no flag at all.

Perhaps it's time to consider replacing the flags that have become unserviceable.

Look at the one that may be flying on your home or close to your home. If it needs to be replaced, your local American Legion will assume responsibility of disposing of the worn out flags properly.

Jerry Greenwell
Bethel

B.F.D. THERMAL CAMERA BENEFIT

To the Editor:

The Bethel Fire Department is sponsoring two music shows on Saturday, March 16, to benefit the fund for purchasing a thermal imaging camera. Although expensive, \$20,000 for the entire system, it is an invaluable tool to firemen searching a smoke- and fire-filled house or inn for unconscious victims. It also has a variety of safety uses to prevent injury to firemen while on the fire scene. The department has raised \$16,000 to date and is working hard to earn the final \$4,000. The initial \$10,000 donation from the Bethel American Legion Post challenged the department to begin seriously raising the balance through generous contributions from community individuals and fundraising events.

We are fortunate to have the donated musical services of Donnie Katlin and Jewel Clark, as well as Jewel's brother's bluegrass band, the Misty Mountaineers. This is a professional traditional bluegrass group that performs throughout the Northeast. Two shows are available on March 16; the first show is at Telstar Regional High School auditorium at 1:30 p.m. and the other is that same evening at Sunday River's Summit Hotel North Ballroom at 7 p.m. Both shows are \$5 per person entrance fee at the door.

Don Murphy
Fundraising Committee, Bethel Fire Department

BASKETBALL TEAM THANKS

To the Editor:

We want to thank everyone for their support during the regular season and the tournament games. The boys really appreciated the enthusiastic crowds that went to Augusta.

A special thanks to the following people: Janet Black and Marilyn Swan at Designs for the donation of boutonnieres for the team; Principal David Murphy for all his support and enthusiasm; David Tripp for his last-minute preparation of the Rebels' shirts; bus driver Chuck Mason; all of the decorating crew — you know who you are.

It is great to have people come out and support a group of good, hardworking athletes. This team took great pride in representing Telstar and the community. The boys' hard work paid off, as they went further in the tournament than any other Telstar boys' team. This was a memorable experience for the team, coaches, and fans alike.

It's great to have the parents, students, faculty and surrounding communities behind our athletes.

Telstar Regional High School Boys' Basketball Team and Coaches

Caucuses

GREENWOOD REPUBLICANS

To the Editor:

The Greenwood Republican Committee has issued an invitation to all registered Republicans to caucus at 2 p.m. on March 10 at the Greenwood Town Office.

The main purpose of the biennial caucus is to allow registered voters who are enrolled in the Republican Party to elect delegates and alternates to the Republican State Convention. The convention this year will be held at the Augusta Civic Center May 3 and 4.

Other business of the caucus will include the organization of the local committee and the nomination of the members to the Oxford County Republican Committee.

All local Republicans are encouraged to attend the caucus and take part in the political process in this very important election year.

Wayne E. Hakala
Greenwood Republican Committee contact person

WOODSTOCK REPUBLICANS

To the Editor:

The Woodstock Republican Committee asks all Woodstock registered Republicans to meet on March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Town Office.

The purpose is to follow up on business which came up at the caucus last month, such as content of the ad in the convention booklet, possible fundraising efforts and the possibility of scheduling a "candidates' night."

The latter would give voters a chance to meet the candidates, hear their views on various matters and to make their own concerns known to those who may be representing them in the future.

Judy Bennett
President

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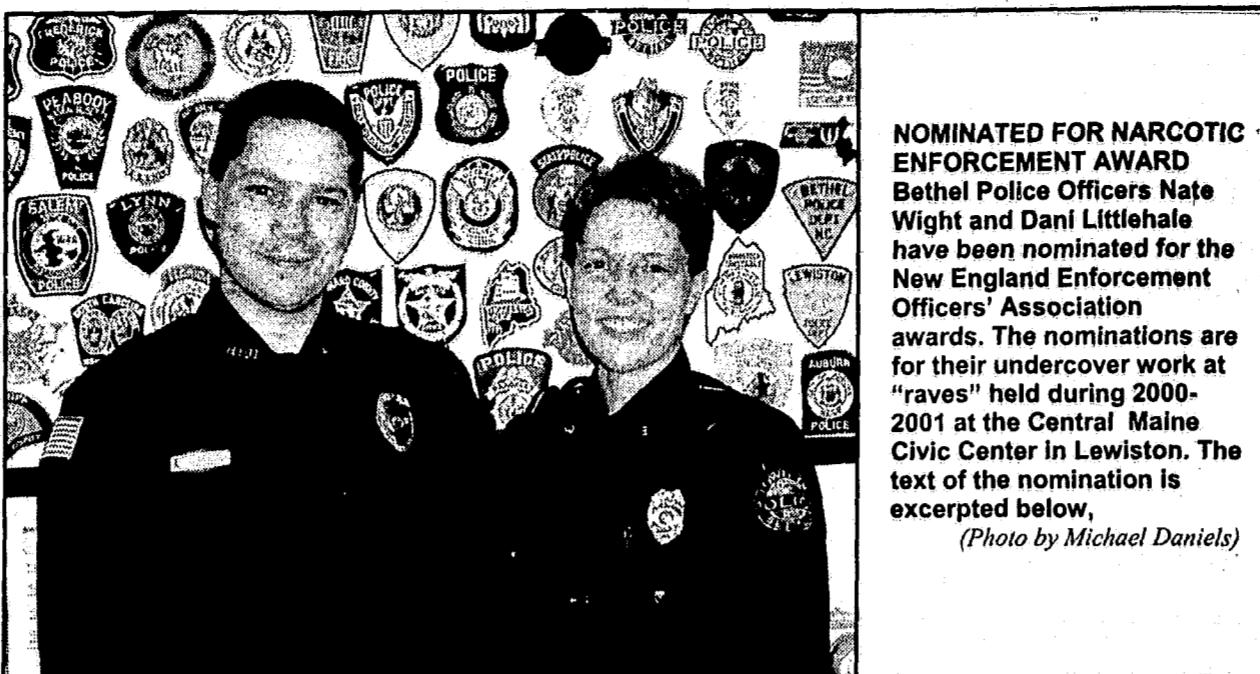
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NOMINATED FOR NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT AWARD
Bethel Police Officers Nate Wight and Dani Littlehale have been nominated for the New England Enforcement Officers' Association awards. The nominations are for their undercover work at "raves" held during 2000-2001 at the Central Maine Civic Center in Lewiston. The text of the nomination is excerpted below.
(Photo by Michael Daniels)

On June 24, 2000, the Central Maine Civic Center in Lewiston in association with Under the Gunn Enterprises of Manchester, N.H., was the site of an all-night dance concert designed to attract area young people to a "chem free" environment filled with loud music and bright lights. The CMCC and the promoter obtained the required permits from the City of Lewiston, after ensuring city officials there would be adequate security, both "event security" and off-duty Lewiston police officers hired for crowd control and safety. The occupancy of the CMCC was listed at 2,500 on the permits.

The first "concert" in June 2000 was followed by nine more all-night "concerts," with the last dance on Oct. 27, 2001. During the course of those 16 months, the "chem free" dances, in operation from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., and open to young people from ages 16 and up, were soon discovered to be anything but "chem free." The initial local attraction quickly became known as the largest and finest rave venue in Maine and one of the largest in New England, with capacity of over 4,500, almost twice the occupancy listed on the city permits.

The Lewiston police officers hired by the promoter for crowd control and safety were ineffective in controlling the open use and distribution of a variety of illegal drugs by what appeared to be significant percentages of the 3,000 or more young people in attendance. Tickets for admittance were selling for \$30 to \$45 each, and the events were drawing young people to Maine from all of the other New England states, New York and New Jersey. Disc jockeys popular with the rave scene from Boston, New York City, Miami and Los Angeles were featured attractions and the events became big moneymakers for the promoter and the civic center owner.

From a public safety point of view, these events were actually proving an environment which encouraged the use and distribution of a dangerous class of drugs, known as "club drugs" which included MDMA, more commonly known as Ecstasy, Ketamine, known as Special K, Cocaine, LSD, PCP, marijuana and a variety of counterfeit pills sold as Ecstasy. With the frequency and size of the raves in Lewiston, there was a corresponding increase in emergency room visits for adverse drug reactions during and after the raves. Cities and towns within a 30- to 40-mile radius of Lewiston reported investigating disturbances at area motels, arresting young people and seizing "club drugs," or taking them to the emergency room. Each incident was directly related to the attendance at a rave in Lewiston several hours prior and generally involved young people from outside the community or from out of state. The availability of "club drugs" at the raves contributed to the increase in demand and use of such drugs in the greater Lewiston-Auburn metropolitan area and attracted drug dealers to the city to supply the increased demand.

Being aware of the effects of Ecstasy, and "rolling," the promoters featured rapid tempo, hard pounding music, coordinated with flashing lights and lasers to enhance the physical stimulation and the visual distortion consistent with the effects of Ecstasy on its young users. The entire civic center was kept dark and the dance floor kept crowded to increase the effects of the light shows and to increase physical contact. Ecstasy enhances the tactile senses, which is why it is also known as the "hug drug." Dancing to fast tempo music on a crowded floor and using "club drugs" all cause the body temperature to rise and the need to re-hydrate with lots of fluids. Bottles and cans were prohibited from being carried into the venue, so all fluids had to be purchased from the vendors. Small water bottles were commonly sold for \$3 to \$5 each, taking full advantage of the situation for profit.

After working three of the raves, from June 24, 2000, to Oct. 7, 2000, the Lewiston Police Department observed the escalation of the crowds and uninhibited and open use and distribution of drugs and requested assistance from the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

The Lewiston Task Force Office of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency in conjunction with the Lewiston Police Department, the Central Maine Violent Crimes Task Force and the Department of Probation and Parole developed and implemented a plan of operations to identify those selling "club drugs" on the crowded dance floor, to arrest the offenders, seize quantities of illegal drugs and currency used to purchase drugs, or the proceeds from drug sales and associate and criminal activity with the raves in order to terminate the raves in Lewiston.

Since the average age of the rave participants was from 16 to 25 years old, youthful looking police officers to work the raves as undercover operatives were recruited from several area law enforcement agencies. They were provided with brief training and assigned experienced officers to cover the operatives and escort their arrests from the dance floor to the booking area for search and interviews. The darkened conditions throughout the civic center, the density of the crowds in attendance and the use of "runners," working for dealers, and frequently changing shirts to alter their appearance after transactions, presented special challenges for the undercover officers and arrest teams to further complicate their tasks. Area departments who provided officers in assistance to the Lewiston Police Department and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to successfully complete the mission, included the Bethel Police Department, the Brunswick Police Department, the Bridgton Police Department, the Rangeley Police Department, the Wells Police Department, the Franklin County Sheriffs Office and the Oxford County Sheriffs Office. Operational support, adjudication and prosecution were provided by the Department of Probate and Parole, Juvenile Intake Workers, the Androscoggin District Attorney's Office and the Office of the Attorney General.

During the 12-month period from Oct. 27, 2000, to Oct. 27, 2001, the multi-jurisdictional team provided undercover operations for seven raves at the Central Maine Civic Center that resulted in the trafficking arrests of more than 60 young ravers, ranging in age from 16 to 21. A sizable quantity and variety of "club drugs," to include Ecstasy, Ketamine, Cocaine, LSD, PCP, marijuana and counterfeit tablets sold as Ecstasy along with several thousand dollars in drug proceeds were seized. The suspects arrested included 23 from Maine, of which only two were from the Lewiston-Auburn area, eight from New Hampshire, 19 from Massachusetts, four from Connecticut and eight from New York.

Based upon the ease and number of arrests and the quantity and variety of drugs seized, the public safety concerns first raised during the summer of 2000 when the raves first started to gain popularity in Lewiston were fully substantiated by this cooperative enforcement strategy.

The Attorney General for the State of Maine in response to the growing concerns supported by the events at the raves chose to initiate civil proceedings to enjoin the Central Maine Civic Center from holding raves on the premises, since the place had clearly been used to traffic, furnish or for the use of scheduled drugs on two or more occasions within a three-year period, sufficient to prove that the building or place was a common nuisance (17 MRSA 2741). Should the owner of the Central Maine Civic Center fail to abide by the injunction, he would commit a Class E Crime and face arrest (17 MRSA 2741). With all the evidence gathered from the seven raves over 12 months facing the owner, he elected to terminate his contract with Under the Gunn Enterprises, and agreed not to host future raves at the civic center to resolve the problem without legal action. This voluntary compliance brought favorable press to the civic center for cooperating with law enforcement in terminating the raves in Lewiston. This decision by the civic center achieved the desired result of reducing the availability of "club drugs" in the community, made available to thousands of young people attending raves, resolving a serious public safety issue through multi-jurisdictional cooperation and innovation.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Stuck in a fluid situation

At 12:33 a.m. on March 3 police observed a vehicle that had struck the windshield washer display at a Railroad Street business. The vehicle was stuck on the display. Kristin K. Espy, 35, of Westbrook, was arrested for OUI, sale and use of drug paraphernalia, possession of a usable amount of marijuana and operator possessing open containers on a public way.

Friday, March 1

At 1:19 a.m. police were called to a Main Street business for a complaint of a disorderly male subject. Darren Brown, 45, of Bryant Pond was charged with disorderly conduct, criminal trespass, assault, refusing to submit to arrest or detention and possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

At 10:35 p.m. police stopped a driver for a taillight. A license check showed an active warrant. John Bedirian, 22, of Wells was arrested.

Saturday, March 2

At 1:14 a.m. police stopped a vehicle on Route 2 for erratic operation. Timothy Bergen, 39, of Hull, Mass. was arrested for OUI and charged with possession of a usable amount of marijuana, sale and use of drug paraphernalia and operator possessing open containers on a public way.

At 2:15 a.m. police responded to a business in Newry to assist State Police with a domestic assault complaint.

At 5:36 p.m. police stopped a subject on Route 26 to serve a summons for a previous OUI drug charge. The driver showed signs of intoxication and was given field sobriety tests. Zachary L. Fritz, 19, of Bryant Pond was arrested and taken to the Rumford Police Department and issued summonses for OUI, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

At 9:50 p.m. stopped a vehicle for erratic operation on Mechanic Street. Denise Cohen, 35, of Holden was charged with OUI, sale and use of drug paraphernalia and operator possessing open containers on a public way.

Sunday, March 3

At 3:57 a.m. police responded to the Intervale Road for a motor vehicle accident. Tony J. Merrill, 20, of Bethel was charged with OUI, OAS, assault, disorderly conduct, refusing to submit to arrest or detention, leaving the scene of a property damage accident and failing to give notice of accident by quickest means.

Monday, March 4

At 9:05 p.m. police responded to a traffic accident on the Sunday River Road. A license check showed active warrants. Tiffany L. Charleton, 27, of Bethel was arrested on the warrant.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summons, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Our

Back

Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

10 years ago: A U.S. Navy helicopter on a training mission had an overheated engine necessitating an unscheduled landing at Col. Dyke Field. Replacement parts were flown in from Brunswick Naval Air Station and following repairs the aircraft and crew of four returned to base.

Keenan Auction Company of Kingfield announced plans to open a retail skiwear outlet in their recently acquired building at the corner of Main and Church streets.

Andover voters approved \$45,000 for the purchase of a 1974 American LaFrance pumper/tanker. Voters also decided to continue the plowing of private driveways.

West Paris voters replaced Hugo Heikkinen, a selectman for 31 years, with Jim Marshall. Willard Keach was chosen to head the town's highway department, succeeding Robert Coffin who had held the post for 19 years.

Telstar senior Brian Davis was selected for the All American Marching Band to march in Paris, France at the worldwide televised opening at Euro-Disney. Davis was one of two band members chosen from Maine.

Deaths: Lester M. Farrington, Verne W. Glover.

20 years ago: The SAD44 directors were petitioned by over 300 district residents requesting that football be reinstated at Telstar. By a vote of 10 to five the directors denied the request.

Bethel Rotary Club was sponsoring a Children's Winter Field Day on the Gould athletic field.

Gillies' Realty Inc. opened its office at Three Broad Street.

The Telstar Drama Club was preparing "Mrs. Flannery's Ocean" for early April presentation.

Births: Kyle Weston Taylor, Zachary Rothman Kraus.

Deaths: Leona F. Lurey, Arthur H. Dean, Helen C. Roderick, Walter L. Lapham.

30 years ago: Dana Melville, Merry Robertson, Sharon Dombrowski and David Holt, students at Telstar Regional High School, were selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America in 1972.

Miss Betty House of Bryant Pond was queen of Bethel Winter Carnival.

Telstar's senior chorus was participating in a Sing-a-Rama at Oxford Hills High School. Other participants were from Gorham and Mexico.

Births: Michael David Hatch, Becky Currier.

Deaths: Frank D. Vashaw, Lilla G. Stearns, Bernice N. Noyes, Wallace H. Brown, Lauren Bennett, Ray S. York.

40 years ago: A noontime fire destroyed two small barns at Roy Moore's on Bridge Street. Four sheep, seven lambs, four tons of hay and tools were lost in the blaze.

"Ask Any Girl," the Gould

Briefly

Trust land taxed under tree growth

WOODSTOCK—Reversing an earlier decision, the Board of Selectmen has agreed to tax under tree-growth status a 60-acre parcel of land owned by the Mahoosuc Land Trust. The board had earlier refused tree growth status to the land, citing a failure of the Land Trust to file a management plan for the parcel. Land Trust representative Marcel Polak told the board last week that the trust had initially not filed a plan because it planned to sell it and use the funds for other projects. But that deal fell through and the trust later filed a management plan. Taxes on the property will be "about a hundred dollars," according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

Completes drug recognition course

BETHEL—Sgt. Henry Grenier of the Bethel Police Department has successfully completed the Maine Criminal Justice Academy training course as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). This intense two-week course certifies Grenier to identify, investigate and subsequently testify against operators of motor vehicles who are suspected of driving under the influence of illicit drugs. Grenier becomes only the second municipal police officer in Oxford County to obtain certification as a DRE. This training will greatly assist the Bethel Police Department in identifying impaired drivers and making the roads of Bethel that much safer, according to Police Chief Darren Tripp.

Comp. Plan inventory on display

GREENWOOD—The Town of Greenwood Comprehensive Plan Inventory will be on display for public viewing at the annual Town Meeting on March 30 at the Town Hall. Citizens are encouraged to discuss additions and corrections with the committee members at lunch or after the meeting. Committee members are: Alan Hamilton, Rodney Westleigh, David Brainard, Susan Buckley, Jeff Harren and Raymond Seames. The Comprehensive Plan Committee will also meet on March 28 at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Town Office to review and discuss same. The public is encouraged to attend.

Scrapbooking 'crop'

BETHEL—Scrapbooking is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the country. Both seasoned scrapbers or anyone else interested in learning more about preserving photos and memorabilia are welcome to attend a crop on Sunday, March 17, 1 p.m. at the Newry Town Office. A crop is simply a group event to work on your scrapbook pages, share ideas, look at other folks albums and play with other peoples scrapbooking toys. There is no charge and nothing is for sale. There will be paper punches on hand to try and a hands-on demonstration on adding paper dolls to scrapbook pages. A helping hand for folks new to the hobby will be available. Those who are interested but have never tried the hobby are welcome to stop by and see what it's all about. Questions information: contact Wendy Hanscom at whanscom@megalink.net, or 824-3228.

B&B award honors patroller

GREENWOOD—The first annual B&B Award — a volunteer service award of Mt. Abram Ski Patrol — was presented last week to Jim Ryan of Marlboro, Mass. The award is named in recognition of the 82 years of combined service to the ski patrol by Clarence "Bud" Howe of Bethel and Gary "Butch" Fuller of Locke Mills. Ryan received the award for putting in the most volunteer days during the 2001-2002 ski season.

Tribes exploring new gambling plan

AUGUSTA—Maine's Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians have begun discussions about a tentative plan to build a casino and entertainment complex in southern Maine. Tom Tureen, longtime attorney for the tribes, said the effort is in its preliminary stages and he would not identify potential sites. But officials in Kittery said their town is under consideration. Rep. Stephen Estes, a Democrat who represents Kittery, said tribal representatives approached him about the idea. Estes said he met with Tureen earlier this month to hear a speculative proposal. "I was approached by people thinking about putting together an entertainment complex that included a casino and other amenities in southern Maine because of its proximity to Portland, Boston and the potential draw," Estes said. Any casino proposal would need the approval of the governor and the Legislature.

Winter Tourism indicators strong

AUGUSTA—Despite the below-average snow accumulation of the first few months of 2002, Maine's winter tourism industry reports that business and profits have marked an increase from January 2001. "Our returns for the early part of the year are much better than what most people expected," said Greg Sweetser, executive director of Ski Maine Association. "The perception is that because there isn't as much snow, there isn't as much skiing. However, year-to-date totals indicate that the industry is just a few percentage points behind where we were last year. With less snow than usual, that's definitely good news." Sweetser also said that nearly every skiing mountain in Maine is at 100 percent operation. "Everyone experienced an increase in business over last January, which was a record month for snow and for profits," he said. "In addition, over the past 10 days marking the period of February vacation for many schools, income was up across the board."

Fraser in lead to buy mills

CONCORD, N.H.—A Connecticut paper company is the front-runner in negotiations to buy a northern New Hampshire mill complex that has been shut down since August, Gov. Jeanne Shaheen said Friday. "I think at this point they are," Shaheen said of Fraser Papers Inc. of Stamford, Conn., after a meeting with company representatives. Shaheen said she is "cautiously optimistic that there may be an end in sight" to the hardship suffered by the 860 workers affected by the closure of Pulp and Paper of America, the North Country's largest private employer. The mill complex, which has facilities in Berlin and Gorham, and its parent company, American Tissue Inc. of Hauppauge, N.Y., filed for bankruptcy protection in Delaware in September. Any offer to buy the mills would have to be approved by the court. A formal offer to the court by Fraser is still about a week away, said Ed Moran, a consultant to bondholders involved in the bankruptcy case. The court would have to accept "the highest and best offer," Moran said. Two other companies — Cascades Inc. of Kingsley Falls, Quebec, and Keating Fibre of Fort Washington, Pa. — are also interested in buying the mills, officials said.

Granite State ready to Segway

CONCORD—New Hampshire is ready for the popular new Segway scooter to shuttle residents around towns. Gov. Jeanne Shaheen recently signed a bill allowing the machines on sidewalks and roads. "It has the potential to revolutionize transportation in this country," Shaheen said before signing the bill. "It also has the potential to make a huge difference in New Hampshire." The Segway, invented by Dean Kamen of Manchester, is a one-person, battery-powered scooter whose speed and direction are controlled by the rider's shifting weight. Supporters tout it as an invention that could significantly reduce traffic and pollution in urban areas. The device also could create hundreds of well-paying jobs in New Hampshire as its popularity grows, Shaheen said. The machine spotlights New Hampshire as a high-technology state that's willing to help entrepreneurs, they said. Under the new law, Segway riders would have the same rights and duties as pedestrians but would be required to yield to walkers. Cities and towns would have the right to regulate their use. The law also establishes a supervisory committee to study how the scooters fit in with pedestrian traffic. Kamen, who was on hand for the bill signing, said a model of New Hampshire's proposed legislation was sent to all 50 states. The Segways will be manufactured in Bedford.

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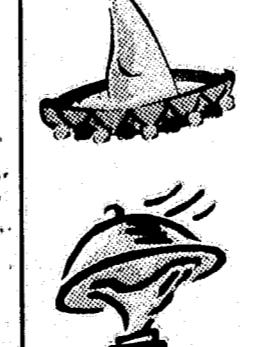
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Pipeline

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They said a single pipeline accident in 2000 inflated the previous death rate of two or less a year. Nineteen people died in New Mexico when a pipeline that was built in the 1950s exploded. That line did not meet safety standards, according to Wayne Harper, environmental health and safety manager for PNGTS.

In contrast, he said, his company's line was built with many high-tech safety features. It is coated with a material to protect against corrosion, giving the pipe an indefinite life expectancy, he said. The thickness of the walls of the pipe in the East Bethel area also exceeds requirements.

In addition, there is constant monitoring of the pressure, and an internal inspection apparatus is regularly sent down the line to detect any problems with the inner walls of the pipe. The line is also

inspected at least weekly from the air, to detect any unauthorized activity near the line.

And, said Harper, it is such outside forces, rather than failure of the system, that accounts for 41 percent of accidents. Most commonly, excavation is the cause, he said, with the offenders usually digging in violation of the DigSafe law. The law requires contractors to contact utility companies before excavation.

Lighter than air

The natural gas in the line is also odorized to warn anyone nearby of a leak.

Hannigan, however, did not find that feature reassuring. "If I smell gas, I'm in trouble," she told the officials. "I can't use the phone or start my car (for fear of creating a spark)."

But Frank Callahan, operations supervisor for PNGTS, said the

smell is much stronger than the concentration of the gas. "It doesn't necessarily mean it's going to ignite when you pick up the phone," he said.

And natural gas, because it is lighter than air, tends to dissipate quickly, the officials said. That is in contrast to propane, which is heavier and may collect in low areas, such as a basement, Harper said.

Darren Tripp, Bethel police chief, asked if there had been any safety incidents recorded along the line in Bethel. No, said the officials. They said Hannigan had alerted them to some heavy equipment being moved in the vicinity of the line, but there had been no actual incidents.

The officials encouraged people to contact them about any questionable activity within a hundred feet of the line.

"If you're concerned, call us. If you're really concerned, call the Police Department," said Wayne Oosterman, a pipeline engineer.

Hannigan asked the officials several times for specific procedures planned in case of an accident. Tripp then provided the Police Department's plan. Through one phone call to Oxford County Dispatch, he said, it is possible to reverse the 911 call procedure, and to alert all residents of an area to evacuate.

The PNGTS officials said the role of local emergency personnel is strictly to direct evacuation, rather than deal directly with a leak, fire or explosion. Regular training is offered for the personnel, if requested.

Tripp added that the pipeline is not at the top of his list of disasters to worry about.

"I'm much more afraid of what's in an 18-wheeler than what's buried on the East Bethel Road," he said, referring to chemicals transported regularly through the area.

Hannigan said later she appreciated the specific information from the Police Department. "It was helpful with what Darren explained," she said, saying she wished such information had come from PNGTS much earlier.

But she said even the 911 plan left questions in her mind, such as whether receiving a telephone call amid possible gas concentrations in a home was safe.

She also said she was surprised the officials designated a distance as great as 100 feet as the area of concern for activity around the pipeline. "That's a fairly good-sized area that would raise their curiosity," she said.

Station regs

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the Community Concepts affordable housing project that was approved for Bethel Station, Bohr said: "it seems only prudent to establish guidelines that can prevent minor disasters."

There was nothing in the town's current site plan ordinance to stop the Community Concepts project, which many in the community feel is inappropriate for Bethel Station and a poor use of land with significant commercial — and tax base — potential.

And the proposed new guidelines would allow development in Bethel Station that would be more dense than would otherwise be possible under the site plan ordinance, Bohr said — as was envisioned when the project first received Planning Board approval.

There was little argument from those present, but there were questions, especially regarding whether the landowners in question would buy into the new rules, and about the legality of such highly focused regulations.

Selectmen Bob Everett and Reggie Brown asked what Massachusetts investor Grant Wilson, by far the largest landowner in Bethel Station, thought of the plan.

"Unless Grant Wilson tells me he doesn't mind these restrictions placed on his property, I'm going to have a hard time voting for it," Brown said.

Bethel Station representative Elaine Riendeau said Wilson knew of the proposal but wanted to learn more about the details before taking a position on it.

As to the legality of the regulations, Town Manager Scott Cole said: "Zoning has to be consistent with a town's comprehensive plan. If so it is legally defensible."

Bohr stressed that the regulations are still in a process of development and public input is welcomed.

The 2003 Committee hopes to have the regulations ready to present to voters at the annual Town Meeting in June.

The will be a public forum on the proposal on Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m. in the Telstar Library.

CORRECTION

Vote is March 19—The voting for municipal officers for the Town of Andover will take place Tuesday, March 19 from 2 to 8 p.m.

Telstar

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But the Bethel Water District works with a single engineer, Al Hodsdon of A.E. Hodsdon.

Lucian Robege, Water District supervisor, said, "The district has an engineer that we use. I can't speak for the board, but I don't think the district has any intention of looking for a new engineer."

John Head, a trustee of the Water District, was initially reluctant to even consider the possibility of working with a different engineer. "We have to have a system in the ground that will serve us hard and well," he said.

Head also said the district can't do any work without a signed contract, as required by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

Yet Hodsdon has already done a substantial amount of work preparing for the job, including surveying the project, drafting a preliminary budget, and applying for funding from various sources.

Dutch Dresser, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, expressed concern about the work Hodsdon had already undertaken without a contract.

"Do you have any obligation for the Water District or are you working in good faith?" he asked Hodsdon.

'Neither the Water District, town of Bethel, or the School District is at any financial risk for the work Hodsdon has already performed.'

JOHN HEAD
Bethel Water District Trustee

"I anticipated getting the contract," Hodsdon said, "and will bill for the services at that time."

"So you expect to get paid for the work?" Dresser said.

"Yes, that would be my hope," Hodsdon replied.

But later in the meeting, Head said, "Neither the Water District, town of Bethel, or the School District is at any financial risk for the work Hodsdon has already performed."

Despite the advantage of time to be gained from the work Hodsdon had already done, Scotti refused to hire any engineer without soliciting bids.

"It is my understanding that you've already agreed that there will be a single engineer and a single contractor," she told the Water District. "We can't sign a contract

with anyone without going through a competitive bidding process."

After taking a short recess to allow the Water District trustees to discuss the matter, Joe Drummond, president of the trustees, said the district was willing to work with the town and School Board to

select an engineer through a competitive bidding process.

Paying for infrastructure

The School Board expressed concern about the School District paying for infrastructure improvements beyond those directly related to providing the utility services to Telstar.

School Board members asked the Water District to cover the costs of stubs at road crossings and the in-

stallation of hydrants every 1,000 feet is required by the PUC.

Furthermore, PUC regulation prohibits the Water District from charging ratepayers for this infrastructure, so the cost must be borne by the School District. Property owners that opt to connect to the new line would pay for the cost for their connections.

But according to Scott Cole, Bethel town manager, there is no such burden of regulation concerning sewer systems infrastructure. "It is totally at local discretion," Cole said.

The School Board suggested that the SSDC fee for the connection to Bethel's sewer system should be waived, considering the investment the SAD44 towns would be making in Bethel's infrastructure.

But the Bethel selectmen were reluctant to make that concession.

According to Rob Gundersen, wastewater treatment plant operator, other households and businesses may not be able to tap into the sewer line if it is a forced line; so the infrastructure improvements may not be significant.

After some discussion, the School Board and selectmen agreed to further discussion about SSDC fees.

building committee

A building committee was formed to oversee the project. It will have three representatives from each municipal agency, for a total of nine members.

They are charged with working out the specifics of the interagency contracts for the project, drafting RFP's, and the selection of an engineer and contractor. The building committee will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at Telstar High School in the superintendent's office. Future meetings will be determined at that

Rosberg urged speed. "We are anxious about numbers, budgets, and bond issues. We need to present this to voters at our June 11 District Referendum. We'd like to be able to have these services for the student body before the next school year, certainly before cold weather hits."

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department of this newspaper.

Somewhere in the universe there is a vast wasteland of missing things. Floating in infinity are millions of unmatched socks, gloves and earrings as well as other cherished possessions. I'm sure of this.

I have yet to figure out where the land of the matchless and the missing is or how lost objects get there, but I just know it has to exist.

Over the many years of my live as a housewife and mother I couldn't even begin to estimate how many laundry loads of washing and drying I have done. A very conservative guess would be four loads a week. So that's 208 loads a year for 32 years of marriage equals 6,656 loads of laundry.

It's probably more like double that figure but for the sake of argument, let's say I've done about 7,000 loads of laundry in my adult life. That's 7,000 times that I've taken fewer socks out of the dryer than I put in. WHERE DO THEY GO?

I have never found a stray sock in the lint trap or left clinging to the inside of the washer or dryer. Close inspection of other articles of clothing of the same load rarely turns up a wandering sock. So WHERE DO THEY GO?

Back in the days when I used a public Laundromat I thought someone must sneak a sock out of the dryer when my back was turned. I thought this was some kind of Laundromat ritual and didn't question it very much. But in the privacy

of my own home there is nothing to account for the conspicuous absence of one sock from each load of laundry. So WHERE DO THEY GO?

Every winter I buy at least one new pair of gloves and every winter I have at least one pair of gloves that becomes divorced. When I go out I have a glove on each hand and when I return I have a glove one each hand, but when I go to put them on again at a later time, one hand cannot be accommodated. The logical conclusion would be that I dropped one of the gloves somewhere in the house. However, I have spent countless hours searching every nook and cranny for the lost glove with no success. So WHERE DO THEY GO?

I know I'm not being paranoid about this because it happens to every member of my family at least once a year. When my kids were little they seldom went out to play during the winter with the same color mittens on each hand. I thought I solved the missing mitten problem once by getting the kids the idiot mittens, you know the ones attached to each other with yarn. The only thing this accomplished was that instead of the loss of one mitten, both of them disappeared. So WHERE DO THEY GO?

My earrings are another such item that falls prey to the invisible kleptomaniac, especially my expensive ones that I dearly cherish. By expensive, I

mean the ones that I paid more than \$2 for. The earrings that I buy in bulk don't seem to get separated with the same frequency as the good ones. I tried to organize the earrings once by getting an earring tree. But now the earring tree has a lot of empty branches. So WHERE DO THEY GO?

Shoes seem to walk off into never-never land every now and then too and when my daughter was a little girl her barrettes were clipped all too often. I can understand how a barrette or an earring can slip into a crack or fall behind a toilet tank, but shoes are a little too big to be kicked under the doorjam. So WHERE DO THEY GO?

Whoever or whatever commits these acts of larceny doesn't limit it just to breaking up matched sets of things. Every year when I unpack the Christmas decorations there is always something missing that I know I packed the previous year. Same thing happens when I unpack summer/winter clothing. There are always fewer items to be unpacked than were originally packed. So WHERE DO THEY GO?

The way I see it, there is a planet out there somewhere in our universe inhabited by aliens with one foot, one hand and one ear. They visit our world, making themselves invisible, moving freely about helping themselves to whatever they want taking their stolen stash back to their planet. I would love to talk to my local Congressman about my suspicions, but I just can't seem to find him. So WHERE DID HE GO?

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Bethel

by
Virginia Keniston
Over 35 women
in the area at-
tended the 2002
World Day of
Prayer Service
at the West

Parish Congregational Church on Friday, March 1. World Day of Prayer is celebrated in more than 170 countries. "Challenged Reconcile" was the theme chosen by the women of Romania as the theme of this year's celebration. The ecumenical service was written by the women of Romania. Rosabelle Tiff, Sheila Otero-Otero, Musa Brown, Ginny Walker, Maggie Ring, Beth Dunham, Sue Herlihy, Jane Hosterman, Alice McInnis, Ruth Silver, Peggy Wight and Caroline Gould, representing churches in the Bethel area, took part in the service. A soup luncheon and fellowship followed the service.

Rachel McKnight of Jericho, Vt., spent three days last week with her parents, Bob and Ginny Keniston.

Gould Academy classmates Ginny Hutchins, Ginny Keniston, Arlene Brown, Kay McMillin and Libby Bane honored Mary Keniston on her birthday with luncheon at Crossroads.

Bethel area residents in Florida report they are experiencing unusually cold weather.

Sunday River Valley

by
Rockie Graham
In the spirit of
March, the
weather is
jumping back
and forth from
spring-like

warmth to cold and windy. Today started warm and is now a cold 12 degrees at 8:30 p.m.

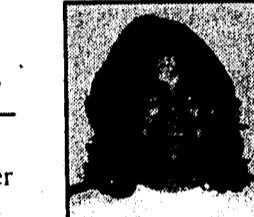
On my way to work this a.m., I saw the biggest wild turkey I have ever seen. He/she was running across the road on the Minot-



SUNDAY SCHOOL SLEIGH RIDES
Diane Ward recently gave sleigh rides for the children of the Bethel Church of the Nazarene. Along for the ride behind Samlam were (from left): David Mason, Ashley Conkright and Mary Brown. "Maxx" brought up the rear.

look. Then it hit me. A couple weeks ago we bought a little foam "falling prices" ball at Wall-Mart to put on the radio antenna, so we could find the car in a busy parking lot. The Honda radio antenna slopes sharply back over the roof, so at certain speeds, the wind causes the end of the antenna wire to bob and the foam ball to knock on the roof. Whee!

Sometimes things just seem to go right. A couple weeks ago while washing the car, I found a suspicious bulge on the side of one of our "new" snow tires. Naturally, I took the tire off and put that spare "donut" tire on for the trip to Auburn. At BJ's, where we bought the tire, we got a new one for \$10 (prorated). When the fellow tried to balance the new tire, he told us the wheel rim was bent, probably when we hit the pothole that damaged the tire. Further, we could get a new wheel at VIP much cheaper than at Honda. So, we drove the car with the "crooked" rim while we waited for VIP to find a new one. Finally, they found one, and last Saturday we picked it up and went back to BJ's to get the tire mounted, part of their new tire "wheel deal." This time, a different fellow was working there. After I explained the problem to him, he mounted the tire on the new rim. When he went to mount the wheel on the car, the wheel cover wouldn't fit the new wheel correctly. Rather than buy new wheel covers, I decided to have the tire remounted on the old rim until I could get a new one at Honda. This time the tire mounted on the old rim and balanced perfectly. Now, we don't need a new wheel after all. All I can figure is that something must have been rolling around inside the tire the first time they tried to balance it.

Gilead

by
Elise Caswell
My Valentine's Day column was written in the spirit of seeking understanding in regard to the nature of male and female. Since that moment, I feel as if I'd been riding a whitewater rapid of time and somehow I've been released from my eddy of confusion. No, I'm not saying I understand more or have seen some secret mystery revealed. Life has offered up some interesting moments over the past two weeks that have shed light where before it was cold, dark and broken.

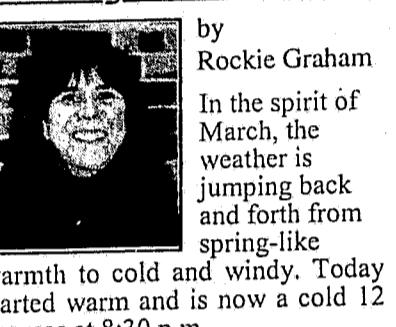
Pondering the nature of male and female by a February fire has taken me into the field to muse over the birth and death of stars in a March sky. What amazes and delights me is the realization that they are connected and the link is the creative spark — one truly basic element of life.

The concept of collision has taken my imagination for a run. This past week we had company, for part of February vacation. My son's young friend, Steve, and his Uncle Tony were up for a visit and some riding at Sunday River. I was working the desk at North Peak and had plans to ski a few runs with my husband and our friends at the end of the day. It was very busy that

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Auburn town line toward a smaller one waiting on the other side. Looked like someone had been feeding it well.

Bethel Area Poets Society met last week at the Black Bear Inn. Phil and Faith invited us to come again. It will be great to not have to hunt for a place each month. The inn is beautiful, and we met in a room in the new part of the inn with a fireplace to keep us warm. Thanks, Phil and Faith. The next meeting will be March 28 at 7 P.M. Same location.

Once again I missed the Newry Recreation Committee fun meeting at Sunday River Inn. My heart and mind were there, but my body insisted in going right to bed when I returned home from work and the doctor's.

This evening (the 4th of March), Newry held their Town Meeting. It was a bit sparse on the attendance (I counted 35), but the group was lively. New Red Sox owner Les Otten was there, so we had to entertain a few Red Sox jokes. We hope there will be a Newry Day at the Red Sox this summer. Other highlights, to me, were that Sylvia said the TriTown Solid Waste Committee is entertaining the idea of a swap shop at the transfer station. This will enable the attendants to save a lot more of the reusable items for people who may need/want them.

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day and I was late getting down to South Ridge to cash out. I knew I wouldn't be taking those runs and was able to connect with both Stephen and Tony to let them know. Tony said he lost sight of Steve at the half pipe and asked if I'd keep my eye out for him. Sure, I said.

Off I went to finish up my day's work. At 3:45, I was contemplating having a beer on the porch while scanning the crowd for Steve. I had put a helmet on hold for myself at Crisports and was hesitating about the cost. That thought led me to remember it was payday, so I went to the Perfect Turn office to pick up my check, thinking all the while about picking up my helmet. I walked into the office and was immediately told to go to patrol. Call Patrol — two words that mean push the panic button in my language. My first thought was for my husband, as both my boys were working. Images of his dad's heart problems bubbled up from years past. Walking through the door of Ski Patrol took me out of my fear-filled mind and brought me right into the moment.

Our young guest had been involved in a collision and needed immediate transport to Stephens Memorial. He had a head injury and Ski Patrol was anxiously awaiting Uncle Tony or my husband or myself to ride with Steve at his mother's request. We called Kat. I knew her anguish. She wanted him to get immediate attention but she wanted a guardian with him as well. Next I knew, I was riding in the ambulance and praying not only for my young friend but for the other injured person as well. Several hours passed as pictures were taken and calls were made. I was acutely aware of how one's entire life can change on a dime. Ambulance rides have a tendency to bring us fully into the present. As I waited for word on Steve's condition, an unexpected thing happened.

There was a woman and child in the waiting room with me. The

child was maybe three or four. She was playing kitten. The very exhausted looking mother wanted quiet and was reading. I said, "Oh what a pretty little kitty." "Meow," she said and she began crawling around like a cat. Mother was shushing her, so I stopped encouraging her. Time went by and the child fell asleep. I was remembering myself at 17, riding in the back of an ambulance after breaking my ankle in a ski accident. When the x-ray technician wheeled out an elderly woman and left her, it became clear that the mother of the child was waiting for her mother. She had her arms full of sleeping child and now also had to wheel out her own dependent mother. I offered to help.

For about five minutes I held the warm, sleeping child in my lap as her overburdened mother wheeled out her grandmother. Suddenly, I was aware that soothed the child was soothed the mother was soothed the grandmother was soothed my friend Kat in Massachusetts in anguish over the well being of her child. In the panic of the moment I was soothed myself as well.

Soon afterward, Stephen, Tony and Will came in and we all were told that Steve, though suffering a concussion, nausea and traumatic labyrinthitis, was whole and would be OK. Thoughtful Ski Patrol employees called to offer support and concern and we discovered that the other victim was in a medical emergency requiring more aggressive medical measures. For a moment in time, life and death stood in the balance. Five minutes of holding a sleeping child in a spirit of prayer gave me calm and it gave me hope. I imagined that motherly love surrounding each of us in our private moment of fear. The next morning, when I came downstairs, our young friend's parents had arrived. They were unable to sleep and had left Massachusetts at 4 a.m. By 7:30, here they were and in came another memory from my ancient past. When I broke my ankle, neither of my parents were able

to come up-country. I spent four days in the hospital separated from my family and had been very sad that my parents didn't come to my side. Funnily enough, it was Steve's collision, and the parenting his folks offered that soothed a wound that I never even realized was there. I wept in joy for their arrival. A long-ago extinguished spark of light was rekindled.

So I continue to ponder the nature of collision — the coming together of male and female, the collision of past and future, the coming together of old and young, the colliding of different cultures, moving molecules, yes even stars and universes that collide. Is it about violence and death? I think not. Something tells me it's the nature of change, evolution — worlds in collision create a new present and from there a new balance can grow. If collision is a fact of nature, of particles in space, the best I can do is dress for it — helmets anyone?

Call to worship will be held at Owen and Sue Wight's home every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. until the church opens in April. Everyone welcome.

year of no summer because in the northern states there was frost and snow in every month of that year. One theory was that the unseasonably cold weather of that year was produced by the eruption of Tomboro on Sumbawa, an island near Java. In 1815, this volcano exploded and produced a flow of about six cubic miles of lava and filled the upper atmosphere over large parts of the earth for more than a year. This dust in the air, according to this theory, lowered the temperature by reducing the intensity of the sunshine. Well, will the lion come roaring at the end of March?

Colby Roberts is home again recuperating from lung surgery. A card would be nice.

Majorie Stinson is on an extended vacation to Michigan, Philadelphia, and Georgia. She will be home again the end of May.

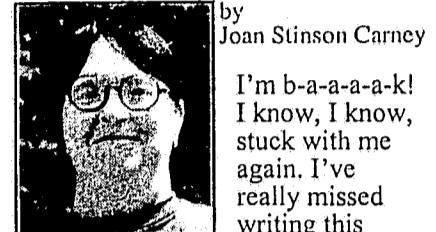
I want to extend my sympathy to the family of Margaret Smith of East Andover. Margaret died just a few months short of her 100th birthday. The Birthday Calendar birthdays will start again next week.

Ismay Meacham celebrated her 80th birthday recently. She was surprised by a wonderful party held at the CE Building.

Alys Parsons celebrated her 90th birthday recently. A surprise party was held for her at the library. She had been a trustee at the library for over 15 years, and we will miss her input very much.

The word of the week is "gazette." Look it up. See 'ya.

Andover



by
Joan Stinson Carney

Karlene Bachelder celebrated her birthday again at the home of her daughter, Claire and George Romano's in Wiscasset on Saturday, Feb. 23, with her husband Ras and other relatives. Present were Heidi Littlefield; Julie Dyer and children, Natalie and Alexis; Michelle and Paul Josephson, their children, Nick and Kylie; Tom and Shannon O'Donnell; Wilma and David Steward; Gil Seeley and the two beautiful family dogs, Jack and Edelweiss.

Is this the year of the winter that wasn't? — Sap running out of the maple trees and temperatures about 60 to 70 degrees at times. Or will the lion show up at the end of the month? I did some research and found out that in 1816 it was the

upper 40s to the low 50s, tricking our "inner clock" into thinking spring had truly arrived. It didn't last long. Sunday night brought driving rain and cold winds to the area. The lake, which had become a large puddle of water, changed overnight to a more seasonal glare ice. Take heart, the real first day of spring is only two weeks away. Being realistic we know that Mother Nature will determine the actual time that it arrives. It could be April 1st or maybe May 8th; it's her choice.

The School Board met on Feb. 28 at the Town Office. The next meeting will precede the Town Meeting on the 14th of March.

Town Reports will be available at the Town Office on Friday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 12.

A craft meeting was held at Lucille Largesse's home on Tuesday, March 5. Members presented plans for crafts to be sold at the annual craft sale in August. Lucille has already prepared a quilt top that will be hand quilted by members over the next few months. Any person desiring to help with the

quilting is welcome.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will meet Friday, March 8, at the home of John Therriault on the "E" B Hill Road. A Potluck Supper will be held at 6 p.m. followed by the business meeting.

Warden Don Gray wishes to extend thanks to the following persons for their active participation in the rescue of a snowshoer several weeks ago. The people involved were: Wardens Brock Clukey and Norm Lewis; neighbors and friends Dick and Sue Angevine, Jennie, Joe and Penny Bernier who all responded promptly, which resulted in a happy ending.

Again, there were visitors in town for the weekend to enjoy the fine mid-winter weather.

Guests at the Wixoms lodge were Woody and Linda Gerstenlauer, Bud and Bett Schoeppe. Deb and Bob Thompson spent the weekend at their camp on Back Street. The Clements family also had a large group on hand. Tara and MacKenzie Murray drove through rough weather to visit Grandma and Grandpa Nelson.

Saturday night, three snowmobilers spent about an hour herding and harassing the deer on the lake. The wardens were notified. This is an intolerable situation bordering on cruelty to animals. The deer have a rough enough time in winter without having to put up with additional stress from idiots who think it's great sport to chase them on snowmobiles.

Liz Stanczyc has a new pet. It is a Beta Siamese Fighting Fish, (or is it Chinese Fighting Fish?). Its home is in a large vase under the roots of a plant. She likes her pet so much that she will purchase another one. She will need another vase and plant, as those creatures do not co-exist with other fish in a friendly manner. They have a good reason for being called fighting fish.

Jennie Bernier attended Orientation Day at U. Maine-Farmington. She was quite pleased with her choice and plans to attend in the fall.

The warm weather brought several birds to the area that could not be identified. I had the same birds as usual with one exception. The Red-winged Blackbird has arrived. They usually arrive long before the "real" birds get here, so he will be the "Bird of the Week."

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt

Patch the Pirate Club meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church, same time as prayer meeting. Sunday services are Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:15 a.m.

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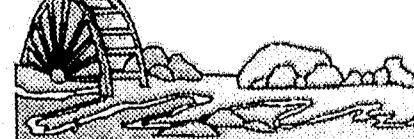
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and morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir at 4:45 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet today, March 7, at the Town Conference Room with a potluck luncheon. Please bring a salad, hot dish or dessert to share and your own place setting. Speaker will be Marilyn Dyer for Medicare. Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m., dinner at noon, program follows the dinner.

Franklin Grange 124 meets on Saturday, March 9, at the Grange Hall. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. with a potluck dinner. Program is on St. Patrick's Day. Please wear green.

Judith Grover 17 DUV will meet on March 11 at the home of Alice Hoyt. The senior citizen dinner will be planned for April. Refreshments by Alice Hoyt.

The Woodstock Historical Society meets at the Town Conference Room on Saturday, March 9 at 7 p.m. The program is on Alaska.

The Historical Society maintains a very fine museum and research facility. It now has two books for sale in its museum store. Monthly programs are of general interest. The society sponsors an annual history day. "Hamlin's Gore" is now being sold at Maine Line Products and Mt. Mica in Locke Mills. Pick it up there, in Bethel or from the society. Curator Larry Billings has given a tin with ornaments for most of the holidays of the year in it to the society. The society has established a good reputation in our state. It will build on that solid foundation for yet more accomplishments in the future. Never underestimate patience and dedication. Curator Billings has read most of Shakespeare's plays and is now reading Hemingway. The society thanks the various newspapers for the good publicity. The curator gave the society copies of Marlowe's play, "Dr. Faustus" and Shakespeare's "Hamlet," "King Lear" and "Macbeth." He also donated two Life magazines with celebrity covers. The research library is in good shape now. The society museum is a well-rounded, all-around facility capable of serving the public's needs well. It seeks to offer you the very best. The exhibits are fine and now so is the library. What more can you ask for.

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South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing

Tommy Poland thanks the Seventh Day Adventist Church and everyone who sent her

flowers, cards and best wishes during her recent hospital stay at Stephens Memorial Hospital. She is getting better every day.

Much sympathy to the family and friends of Charlotte Thompson, who died recently. She made her home with her daughter, Marta Clements, South Woodstock, for the past few years. She also leaves several other family members.

Joan Poland and I went clothes shopping at the Auburn Mall Monday last week. We had good luck and were gone most of the day.

We have a gray squirrel that visits our bird feeder often. He has probably been shot, as his leg has a bad hole in it and he can't use it very well. Also he has an eye that has been injured. We also had a big crow on our lawn (snow) looking for food and he only had one leg, but was getting along fine. I hate to see animals and birds like this, as it is so hard for them to survive even when healthy and whole.

Happy birthday to my granddaughter, Jessie Hart, who turned 21 on March 2. It doesn't seem possible. Jessie works at the Veterans' Home in South Paris and has worked there since she graduated from high school.

Happy birthday to those celebrating in March. They are: Derek Leonard, Mary Ellen Hadley, Jim Micion, Harold Wilbur, Michael Scot Moore, Patty Thurlow, Patty Poland, Leslie Thurlow, Darcy Robertson, Phil Merrill, Mark Thurlow and Jessie Hart.

Anniversaries in March are: Phelps and Joan Poland, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilday and Richard and Andrea Wing.

Larry Billings, curator of Woodstock Historical Society, reports that he has given William Rogers Chapman Festival Music book to the Bethel Historical Society. Larry gave our society a tin with decorations in it for various holidays throughout the year. He also gave some of Plato's writings. He also has given the museum an important book about Shakespeare. The society

has collections of furniture, glass, china, art, tools, costumes, quilts, tins, jewelry, posters, old photos, farm and household items and books. Visit during the summer or at meetings after March and you can enjoy them all. We take pride in our offerings.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that you are never too old to try something new."

Albany



by Dana &

Sheila Dyke

This past weekend left us all a bit wet, and the roads slushy.

Last Saturday's Youth Group

bake sale was (perhaps) the last for this season — I need to follow up on that. However, I understand that the sale on Saturday was a record-breaking one. We want to thank everyone who purchased the home-baked goodies or made donations to the Youth Group. You have helped the kids out immensely with your generosity. We also want to thank everyone who baked for the sales, the adults who donated their time to assist directly with the sales, and, of course, to the kids of the Youth Group who donated their time to "earn" the money for their group. We hope that the wait for next winter's sales won't be too difficult.

We are still studying the Book of Revelations at Bible Study, which is held each Thursday from 6:30 p.m. on at the home of Fernand and Holle Corriveau. The Youth Group will be having their meeting on Friday, starting at 5 p.m. to 6:30 for the younger kids, and 6 to 8 p.m. for the older ones. They have been practicing their songs for singing at church, as well as rehearsing a play for Easter Sunday.

Best wishes for a wonderful week.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson

Hi readers. Once again I got a dozen pretty red roses on Feb. 22 from Albert. This

represents 52 years with him. Genie and Carole and Dale took us out to dinner at Market Square Restaurant to celebrate. Kitty had to work and the girls are away, but sent cards and gifts. Thanks, kids.

Stoneham Church meeting is to be at the home of Mary Grover on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

What a drab day today is. This rain and fog is sure taking the snow off. It is a good day to stay indoors and count your pennies, if you have any, which we don't. It was a good idea, though.

Hopefully, you have attended the Town Meeting by the time you read this, and I will tell you all about it next week.

We were sorry to learn of the house fire at Rita and Kenneth Knox's in Lovell. This was the home of Wilma Taylor, I believe it was the upstairs that burned but it does ruin the entire house at the time. This happened to my mother's house years ago. I believe it was the wiring that got bad. Luckily, no animals or people got hurt.

We got our town reports yesterday, and I can't believe the people that didn't pay their taxes. We've always paid ours, and we have had to do it.

Joe Hall from Harding Hill is presently on a business trip to India.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

On Sunday, March 10, Cynthia Reedy of the Norway Universalist Church will

speak on "Endurance in the Extreme," based on the life of Ernest Shackleton, an Arctic explorer. The service is at the West Paris Universalist Church at 9 a.m., followed by coffee. Jim Burke is organist. All are welcome.

About 20 from the West Paris Universalist Church met with the Norway church for supper and party for the Rev. Joy Gasta, as she leaves for her sabbatical. We wish her much learning and a good trip in her months away. She is due to return in mid-June.

Peg and Joe Perham have returned from their winter vacation in Florida and Las Vegas. Welcome back.

Georgia Thayer is making an excellent recovery from cataract surgery.

The group of walkers has added Wednesday to their exercising. They are now doing three days a week — Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They leave from the U.U. Church at 7:45 a.m. and are shortening the time going around Pioneer Street. They then stop at the General Store for coffee.

The games continue at the West Paris Universalist Church. They are on Wednesdays now from 1 to 4 p.m. and are led by Marta Clements. Last week Marta taught

bridge. The usual games and puzzles are available. Come join us.

A quilt in the butterfly pattern was started last week by the craft ladies. They will continue work on it next week. The group meets on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

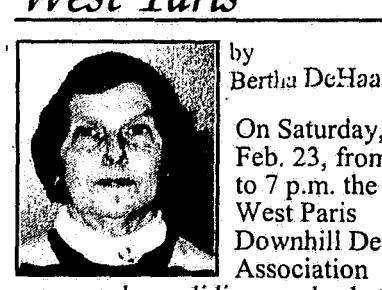
A group enjoyed the movie, "In The Bedroom," at Oxford on Monday that included Peg and Joe Perham, Martha Day, Beverly Stevens, Dede Chase, Lee Dean, Marta Clements and Joyce Lamb.

Goodwill Fellowship met at the home of Beverly Stevens with 11 members present. The Easter sunrise service was planned for 6:30 a.m. at Ray and Mary Ann Brown's home at the end of Perham Road on top of High Street. Breakfast will be served at the Universalist Church.

Congratulations to Ivan Proctor on becoming a great-grandfather. Owen and Donna Proctor Melville are the proud grandparents. Parents of Tyler Owen are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Melville.

At this writing, the temperature is still spring-like with cold nights and warm days. And, yes, the sap is running even this early in the year. We are all hoping for a good maple syrup year. Buffy is enjoying the longer, sunny, warmer days by spending more time outside. My live alarm clock wakes me earlier and earlier as the days get longer, for he demands to go out at daylight.

West Paris



by Bertha DeHaas

On Saturday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 7 p.m. the West Paris Downhill Derby Association

sponsored a sliding and skating festival at Derby Hill and the town skating rink, complete to a bonfire. Refreshments were sold at the snack shack, run by Nancy Henderson. West Paris PTO donated the use of their popcorn machine, run by Michelle Marois. They also donated the popcorn. West Paris Fire Department has flooded the town rink all season. Thanks guys. You have good community spirit.

The Oxford Hills Majorettes Number One, directed by Lisa Kurtz, participated in the state competition of the Maine Baton Twirling Council 2002 Winter Carnival at Thornton Academy. They came in first as the youngest twirlers. This was Sunday, Feb. 24, and sponsored by MBTC.

Troop 1113 GSA is again sponsoring this year the "Man of My Dreams" (father-daughter) dance on Sunday, March 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Agnes L. Gray Gymnasium. The DJ will be "Quines" (Rick Cummings). The girls will

make and serve cake and punch. This is the second annual dance.

That is all this afternoon from a rainy-snowy West Paris. See you all next week.

From the Bethel Rotary Club

This week in Rotary, Les Otten was the guest speaker. Les had just returned from spring training and shared his experience as one who is part of the ownership group of the Boston Red Sox. Les has always had a passion for baseball, as did most boys growing up in the 1950s.

Since then, the game has changed from a sport of kings to a sport of emperors and Les offered his perspective on the economics of baseball. In this purchase, the baseball team is really secondary to NESN. In a sense, the purchase was of a broadcast/media company. Les' role was that of deal dog — putting the deal together. It was a process that began in October 2000.

Now, as the purchase price kept rising, he is vice-chairman. Les illustrated his weekend in Florida and offered anticipated lineups for the season. In response to questions, he expressed the importance to his group of providing credibility of the Fenway re-build option.

Country Breakfast

Our spring Country Breakfast will be on Sunday, March 24, at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy, from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Tickets will be available soon — you may purchase your ticket from any Bethel Rotarian or at the door. Proceeds from this breakfast will benefit Rotary's local scholarship program and international projects.

Our Golf Committee has been hard at work. This year the committee members include Craig Alford, Kevin Finley, Jane Ryerson, Jim Monahan, Mike Liberti, Cynthia and Bob Lau as co-chairs. The tournament this year is June 24 at The Bethel Inn and Country Club. Information will be available soon so you can sign up your team and watch (or challenge) our very own club while it tries to defend its title in the Rotary Cup. We're thankful to our major title sponsors of Oxford Networks and Norway Savings Bank, our major sponsors of Liam's restaurant and TRI, and our luncheon sponsor Sunday River Brew Pub. Contact one of the committee members if you are interested in sponsorship — opportunities are still available at the major level.

Still calling all quilters in the Bethel area. Anyone looking to help quilt or donate material for the Wrap-A-Smile project that benefits Rotary's Rotoplast program may contact member Kathy Thrall at 824-3111 for more information. Our very own Mike Liberti will be team leading a Rotoplast group this spring to Bolivia.

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Date Book Items: March is Vocational Service Month; March 8, monthly Board meeting; March 24, Country Breakfast; June 22, Rotary Auction; June 24, Rotary Golf Tournament.

March Birthdays: Dave Conary, George Gamble, and Dan Pattee.

Inside Rotary: The ballot was wonderful. Thanks Bruce P. for the storage facility. Bethel Rotary attends karaoke night — what can I say — you had to be there.

The Rotary Club of Bethel meets Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. at The Bethel Inn and Country Club

From the

Bethel Water District

Water saving tip: a leaking flush could cost an extra \$30 or more to a resident's water bill. Leaks waste water. To test a toilet, add several drops of dark food coloring to the toilet tank and let it stand for a few hours. If it's leaking the coloring will appear in the toilet bowl.

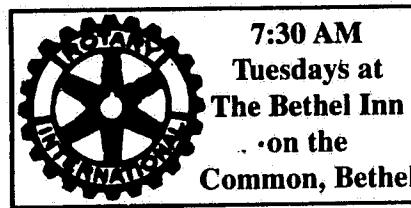
Frost level is down five feet at the Philbrook Street office.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

The Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor is currently offering the exhibit, "The Four Mollys," which will be in place through October 2002. One of the four Mollys is, of course, Western Maine's Molly Ockett. Guest curator is Bunny McBride, who has written extensively on several of the Mollys. She consulted the Bethel Historical Society during her search for exhibit items relating to Molly Ockett. Curator of Collections Randall Bennett worked with Ms. McBride and made several suggestions that are included in the exhibition. The exhibit is open Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those wishing further information should call the Abbe Museum at 288-3519.

The society's spring course, "White Mountain Sampler," is filling up fast. Those wishing to enroll



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(limited to 40) should do so soon by calling the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910. The first class will be held on March 14.

Another issue of the society's quarterly, The Courier, will be published soon. Anyone wishing a complimentary copy should call the telephone numbers above or e-mail the society at info@bethelhistorical.org

From the

White Mountain National Forest

"We are pleased to announce the release of the Loon Mountain Ski Resort Development and Expansion Final EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) and Record of Decision," said John Serfass, acting forest supervisor of the White Mountain National Forest.

The Record of Decision authorizes the activities of Alternative B that occur on National Forest lands within the existing ski resort Special Use Permit boundary and the adjacent South Mountain area. It includes the construction of additional ski trail terrain, new and upgraded chair lifts, additional space for up-mountain lodge facilities, and snowmaking infrastructure to cover all existing and expanded ski trail terrain. The decision also authorizes the issuance of a new Special Use Permit to Loon Mountain Recreational Corporation, which operates the resort on National Forest lands, to provide a public service.

"Of the six alternatives considered in the Final EIS, Alternative B achieves the best balance between meeting public expectations for quality alpine skiing opportunities on the White Mountain National Forest, satisfying current visitors that use the resort, and maintaining the competitive viability of Loon Mountain Recreation Corporation," said Serfass. "My decision is based on the careful review of the site specific environmental analysis documented in the Final EIS. All potential adverse environmental

impacts from the construction and operation of facilities under Alternative B will be minimized or avoided with the required mitigation measures outlined in the Record of Decision document."

"We appreciate the time and commitment numerous people have given to help us achieve a thorough analysis and decision," Serfass said. The Final EIS was completed after an extensive public involvement process in which the Forest Service worked with individuals, groups and government agencies to understand the issues and concerns specific to the proposed developed and expanded Loon Mountain Ski Resort. Public comments received for the January 2001 Draft EIS have been thoroughly reviewed and many have been incorporated into the Final EIS document.

Other activities related to Alternative B occur on private lands adjacent to or nearby the existing ski resort. Proposed activities such as base area facilities, parking lots, water storage ponds, and other snowmaking infrastructure are subject to other federal, state or local decisions that will be made by each respective authority through their permitting processes. Many of these authorities were involved in the preparation of the Final EIS, as cooperating agencies and the analysis includes information they need to make their permitting decisions.

For further information concerning the Final EIS and Record of Decision, you may contact Jay Strand, project coordinator, at (802) 767-4261, ext. 522 (voice), (802) 747-6765 (TDD), (802) 767-4777 (fax), or jstrand@fs.fed.us (e-mail), or Beth LeClair at (802) 767-4261, ext. 523.

From the

Oxford County Republicans

State Senate President Richard A. Bennett (R-Norway) will be the

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"We are delighted to have Jo join our team; with more than 20 years of covering the news and engaging in community activism in Maine, she knows the region well and brings a fresh perspective to our work," says Debbie Burd, executive director of Western Mountains Alliance.

Josephson has not only written for newspapers, newsletters, and magazines in western Maine, she has served as the staff writer for the Augusta-based Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) monthly magazine The Maine Townsman. Her work at the MMA ranged from deciphering the school funding formula to analyzing actions taken by town meetings throughout the state.

She taught biology with the Peace Corps in West Africa and New York City before moving to Maine in 1975. Her interest in agriculture — she has worked on farms both in Maine and abroad — recently led to the publication, "A Guide to Farms, Farmstands and Farmers Markets in the Mountain Counties of Maine" by the Farmington-based Mountain Counties Heritage Inc.

with funding from the Maine Department of Agriculture.

Josephson has served as the president of Western Maine Audubon Society and is currently active with the Tumbledown Conservation Alliance. She has resided in Temple since 1978, where she currently produces The Temple Times and represents the Town on the SAD 9 School Board.

Established in 1988, the Western Mountains Alliance strives to improve the quality of life and to strengthen the regional identity of the western mountains region of Maine.

She can be reached at the Alliance office at 778-8143.

From the

A.V.C.O.G.

Effectively promoting your business on the Internet is easier said than done. It's a challenge to not get lost in the cyberspace lingo of hyperlinks, hot buttons, html, and even harder to figure out what it all means. Now there is "free" help for businesses wanting to market themselves over the Internet.

The Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Maine Micro Enterprise Initiative Fund and the Department of Economic and Community Development to implement an Internet incubator project for 30 small businesses in Franklin, Oxford and Androscoggin counties. Any small businesses seeking to increase sales and/or exposure by marketing via the Internet could benefit from this program.

The incubator will consist of 30 businesses working with a technology consultant to develop their own custom Web site. Additionally, businesses will receive technical assistance from the Maine Small Business Development Center at AVCOG. Counselors will help business owners develop a complete marketing plan consisting of traditional marketing strategies, in addition to their Web-based marketing tools. Businesses should expect to graduate from the program with a marketing plan, functional custom Web site and the ability to perform general maintenance to their Web site.

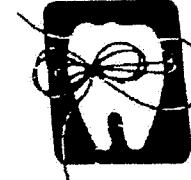
This program will be at no cost to the businesses. However, businesses must be able to commit to a significant time obligation. Businesses could meet with a consultant for as many as 70 hours in order to develop the Web site.

The third phase of the program is projected to begin in mid-May. For more information or to apply, log on to www.avcog.org and go to Business Services to access the Internet Incubator link.

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From the

N.H.C.T.C.

New Hampshire Community Technical College-Berlin is constantly making an effort to meet the needs of the community and utilize the expertise of its staff. When Deborah Stewart joined the college as an associate professor/disabilities coordinator, it provided the opportunity for the college to develop a program leading to a certificate in special education. This program is aimed at providing additional training/staff development for North Country educators, parents of students with disabilities and for students who are interested in working in the field of education.

The Special Education certificate involves 16 hours of course work over two semesters and a summer. Two courses are offered back to back in the late afternoon/early evening once a week each semester at both the main campus in Berlin and at the branch campus in Littleton, N.H., to allow those working in education the opportunity to take the classes. The four classes given during the school year are followed by one course during the summer. The program provides a number of different educational opportunities for students. The courses can be taken alone for the certificate or can be combined with a course of studies in Human Services or Early Childhood Education to earn an associate degree from NHCTC-Berlin. It is also possible to earn the certificate in Berlin and then transfer to NHCTC in Concord, N.H., to get an associate degree in special education. Once a student has earned his or her associate degree they can transfer into the special education program at a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree and qualify for a teaching certificate. All of the state colleges in New Hampshire as well as a num-

ber of other colleges in the region accept transfer credits from NHCTC-Berlin.

For more information about the Special Education certificate program: Deborah Stewart at NHCTC-Berlin (603) 752-113 ext. 1104.

Spring Lecture Series

The Berlin Public Library and NHCTC-Berlin Fortier Library have received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council to once again bring a series of interesting and thought-provoking book discussions and a poetry reading to the North Country. The first of three sessions will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, and all three sessions will be held at the NHCTC-Berlin Fortier Library, 2020 Riverside Drive, Berlin, N.H.

The first book discussion will be led by Ingrid Graff of Randolph, N.H., and will focus on the theme of "A Knight for Dark Days: Raymond Chandler and His Detective Phillip Marlowe." The lecture will focus the evolution of the American private eye in literature and specifically on Chandler's novel, "The Big Sleep." Copies of this book, as well as the second book in the series, will be available at both the Berlin Public Library and the NHCTC-Berlin Fortier Library.

Graff will return to the lectern on Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. to present a lecture and discussion of the book "Regeneration" by Pat Barker. The title of her talk will be "Never Such Innocence Again: World War I and the Literary Response" and will explore the impact of World War I on the poets and writers who experienced the war. Barker's novel focuses on the relationship between war poet Siegfried Sassoon and psychiatrist Dr. W.H. Rivers.

In honor of National Poetry Month, the third event in the series, on Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m., will be a poetry reading by New Hampshire poet and Plymouth State College writing faculty member Rick Agran. A book of Agran's poetry, "Crow Milk," was published in 1997, and his poems have appeared in a number of literary reviews and anthologies. Refreshments will be served at all sessions. For further information, contact the Berlin Public Library at (603) 752-5210 or the Fortier Library at (603) 752-1113.



KINGS OF THEIR HILL—The entire AES student body gathered on their sledding hill during the recent Winter Carnival. In addition to sliding, the pupils also built snow forts and took part in skiing and snowboarding events. (Photo by Dirk MacKnight)

SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF MARCH 11**SAD44 Elementary/Middle/High Breakfast Program**

Breakfast for elementary schools and Telstar Regional High School will be choices every day.

SAD44 Middle/High Lunch Program

Monday: Hot dog/bun, sliced carrots, choice of ham and cheese roll, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken pot pie, fluffy rice, steamed broccoli, choice of teriyaki chicken, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Wednesday: Pizza stix, kernel corn, choice of hot dog/bun, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Thursday: McMuffin-sausage and egg, hash brown, assorted fruit juice, choice of chicken patty, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Friday: Cheese stix, pizza sauce, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, fishwich, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

SAD44 Elementary Lunch Program

Monday: Hot dog/bun, sliced carrots, choice of beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken pot pie, steamed broccoli, choice of beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Wednesday: Pizza stix, kernel corn, choice of beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

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Thursday: McMuffin-sausage and egg, choice of beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Friday: Cheese stix, pizza sauce, shape-ups, beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oxford Hills High School Lunch

Monday: Baked chicken nuggets w/sauce, salad bar, fruit, milk. Tuesday: Bologna and cheese sandwich, cucumber slices, pretzels, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Meatball sub w/grated cheese, mixed vegetables, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Thursday: French toast sticks w/syrup, hash browns, sausage patty, orange, milk.

Friday: Tomato soup, turkey and cheese sandwich, crackers, fruit, milk.

Oxford Hills Middle School Lunch

Monday: Dagwood w/bacon or turkey sub w/cheese, fat free pretzels, pasta bar, milk.

Tuesday: Ham and cheese on w/w or tuna salad on w/w, potato chips, pasta bar, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken patty/bun or steakum w/cheese/bun, potato wedges, pasta bar, milk.

Thursday: Cheeseburger/bun or hot dog/bun, potato puffs, pickles, pasta bar, milk.

Friday: Italian ravioli, garlic bread, pasta bar, fruit snacks, milk.

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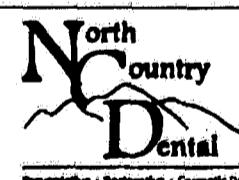


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Telstar Middle School winter sports awards

The following students were recognized at the Telstar Middle School Athletic Awards Night on March 5.

Boys' Varsity Basketball (Coach: William Caddigan); Blake Conrad, Stephen McDonnell, Sean Caddigan, Kyle Gordon, Nathan Walker, Curtis Hughes, Ian Seikman, Kevin Gallagher, Matt Zinchuk, Ryan Kimball, Jon Estes.

Boys' JV Basketball (Coach: Jim Lunney); Charles Haines, Ken Marshall, Alan Buck, Matt Zinchuk, Lewis Thornton, Desmond Cox, Mike Fleet, Ryan Hannigan, Andy Whitney, Paul Sauer, Jono Estes, Josh McDonnell, Max Meader.

Girls' Varsity Basketball (Coach: Tim O'Connor); Chea Davis, capt., Kelsey Dole, capt.,

Jillian Kimball, capt., Liz Rosenberg, Lindsay Hart, Chelsea Cozzolino, Sarah Swan, Abby Wentworth, Kayla Day, Joseline Belanger, Tara Lunney, Bailey Davis.

Girls' JV Basketball (Coach: Brian Mills); Tara Lunney, Bailey Davis, Nicole Gaidis, Vicki Rice, Esther Pew, Taylor Buckalew, Caiti Shimamura, Kara Thurlow, Kristie Carver, Megan Smith, Nicole Hughes, Josie Reiss, Abby Hutchinson, Marisa Osgood, Jacki Coffin, Sarah Field, Joelle Silver.

Alpine Skiing (Coach: Tim Kavanagh); Adrian Boutin, Mark Emerson, James Gibson, Tyler Hodson, Jonathan Parsons, Julie Stambolis, Daie Wilson, Nick Bean, Morgan Carver, Lauren Conroy, Kaleb Hayes, Whitney James, Lauren McAllister, Erin Murphy,

Braydon Rice, Brandon Roberts, Kamden Burke, William Carver, Dan Kiesel, Charles Parsons, Stephen Scotti.

Nordic Skiing (Coach: Tim Remington); Kayla Mills, Dan Kiesel, Heather Gionet, Will Carver, Charles Parson, Mallory Brown, Danna Wilson, Kamden Burke, Erianne Bailey, Kelsey Gamble.

Snowboarding (Coach: Scott Parker); Michael Dailey, Joe Patenaude, Thomas Henley, Danielle Staples, Matthew Sweetser, Nick Sumner, Owen Barter, Bryan Clark, Dan Cox, Crystal Herrick, Gavin Parker, Jessica Staples, Charlie Rice, Kevin Wight, James Whitman, Patrick Beaton, Nicholas Dean, Jason Howe, Raymond Rowell, Todd Roberts, Keith Savage, Allen Savage, Eddie Witt, Danny Zicarelli.

Local skiers qualify for Maine state teams

Eight Bethel-area high school cross-country skiers have qualified for the Eastern High School Championships to be held March 15-17 at Bolton Valley, Vt.

Six skiers earned a spot by competing at Black Mountain in Rumford Saturday in a pursuit race.

The pursuit was won by Chris Leonards of Gould Academy. Next to qualify, all from Telstar High School, were Fred Bailey, Brian Zinchuk, and John Reuter.

Telstar's Sarah Gamble and

Heather Zimmerman qualified for the girls' team. Gould's Kyle Rogers and Kaitlyn McElroy also made the team by virtue of earlier competitions.

The Maine team, consisting of the top 40 skiers from Maine, will compete against teams from Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire. The Maine team has won the EHSC the past two years.

Qualifying for the Maine alpine boys' team (consisting of the top 10 racers in a combined slalom/giant

slalom competition among skiers from Classes A, B and C, held Saturday at Black Mountain) were Telstar skiers Jay Aloisio, placing first, and Jake Largess, placing third.

The alpine team will compete in the Eastern High School Championships at Gunstock, N.H., March 15-17 against teams from New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

Dean's list

AT MAINE MARITIME ACAD.

Matthew Koskela of Bryant Pond was recently named to the dean's list at Maine Maritime Academy for outstanding academic achievement in the first semester of the 2001-2002 academic year.

A member of the Class of 2002, he is majoring in Marine Engineering Technology.

Koskela is a 1998 graduate of Telstar Regional High School.

AT UMAINE

The following area students have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Maine (Orono): Joshua Sjostrum and Jessica Walker of Bethel; Brad Worcester of Hanover; Jason Mullen of Greenwood and Gail Aloisio of Newry.

AT MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Lindsey Reynolds of Bryant Pond was named to the dean's list

for the Fall 2001 semester at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass.



FOUR POINT PROGRAM AT GOULD-GOULD Academy sophomore Cassie Deviod (under moose) and classmates have been spending the week expressing the idea of community through art, utilizing the resources of the school and visiting artists. In constructing this twig moose, students expanded on the theme of community, realizing that when everyone adds one piece to a project, a masterpiece can be built. Sculptor/Illustrator Nantz Comyns-Toohoy of West Scarborough is one of several artists working with sophomores on campus this week. Other projects include the creation of mosaic tiles, bookmaking, and building a bench from red maple sticks.

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The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a), and its efforts to meet the goals established for the general population. The performance resulting from the Contractor's compliance with these requirements is to be performed. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the Contract, Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with these requirements will be measured against the work hours performed.

Successful bidder will be required to solicit bids from Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBE) as described in Section 00407. The prime contractor will be required to furnish proof of compliance with these regulations to the Office of Civil Rights.

4. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 arising from this solicitation. The notification shall include the address and telephone number of the subcontractor, employer identification number of the subcontract, estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

5. The use of this Notice, and in the contract resulting from the solicitation, the "covered area" is the State of Maine, County of Oxford, Town of Bethel.

(10) The successful bidder must comply with the following State and Federal requirements:

- The Department of Labor Regulations relating to the Contract and the "Fair Labor Act".
- The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act
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(11) Town of Bethel reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any technical or legal deficiencies, and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

(12) Provisions for liquidated damages, if any, are set forth in the Bid Form and the Agreement.

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TV Listings

THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 7, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) News	Frasier	WWF Smackdown!			Ent. Tonight	Frasier	5th Wheel	Shipmates		
(32) Videos	Videos	World's Greatest Magic IV			Whose?	Whose?	700 Club			
(6) Hollywood	Selznick	Friends	Leap	Will-Grace	Just Shoot	ER		News		
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose? Whose?	Be a Millionaire	Billy Graham				News		
(10) News-Lehrer	Capturing Nureyev	Visions of Italy: Southern Style	Maine	Charlie Rose						
(22) College Basketball	ACC First Round -- Teams TBA	College Basketball: Big East Quarterfinal						Sportscenter		
(34) Mad TV	Mad TV	Star Trek: Next Gen.	Movie: "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home"							
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Marquesas	CSI: Crime Sci	Agency				News	Nash	
(41) College Hockey	Hockey East Tournament Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA		College Basketball: Pac-10 Quarterfinal							
(15) "My Dog Skip" Cont'd	Ice Age	Movie: "Best in Show"	Jamie Foxx-Security	Real Sex 19						
(17) My Date with the President's Daughter	Movie: "The Thirteenth Year"			Movie: "Legend of Pirates Point"						
(18) Movie: "Gladiator"				Movie: "Mercy"						
(20) College Basketball	Atlantic 10 Quarterfinal	College Basketball: Atlantic 10 Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA						ESPN News		
(44) Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "A Cooler Climate"						Golden	Golden	
(5) Friends	Roseanne	Movie: "Hoosiers"			Movie: "Wildcats"					
(24) Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Ginger	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	
(25) Backstory	Screen	Movie: "On Golden Pond"			Movie: "I Wanna Hold Your Hand"					
(26) JAG	Nash Bridges	JAG	JAG	JAG						
(27) Law & Order	Biography	Movie: "Horatio Hombler: The Fire Ships"			Law & Order					
(12) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Madhouse"			News			In the Heat of the Night		
(39) Wolf Blitzer	Crossfire	Stories	The Point	Larry King Live	Newsnight		Crossfire	Moneyline		

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 8, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) News	Frasier	Movie: "Fair Game"			Ent. Tonight	Frasier	5th Wheel	Shipmates		
(32) Videos	Videos	State Jim	Alias		Whose?	Whose?	700 Club			
(6) Hollywood	Selznick	Dateline			Law & Order		News			
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Billy Graham	All New Bloopers 4	20/20		News				
(10) News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Wall St.	One Foot	One Foot in the Grave	One Foot	Now With Bill Moyers				
(22) College Basketball	Big East Semifinal	College Basketball: Big East Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA				Sportscenter				
(34) Mad TV	Conspiracy	Star Trek: Next Gen.	Star Trek: Next Gen.	Star Trek: Next Gen.						
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG	First Monday	48 Hours		News				
(41) Sports	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Boston Celtics		Postgame	See This	NASCAR	Basketball				
(15) Real Sports	Movie: "Dude, Where's My Car?"		Movie: "Saving Silverman"	Showtime	Dennis M.					
(17) Lizzie	Lizzie	Movie: "Cade Kelly"		Movie: "Cade Kelly"						
(18) "Girl, Interrupted" Cont'd	Movie: "Fatal Attraction"		Movie: "Disclosure"							
(20) Bruins	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Atlanta Thrashers		Front Row - Bill Russell	Basketball						
(44) Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mystery	Movie: "A Message From Holly"		Once and Again						
(5) Friends	Roseanne	Movie: "Dead in a Heartbeat"		Movie: "Dead in a Heartbeat"						
(24) Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Oddparents	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	
(25) Three Stooges	Movie: "Raiders of the Lost Ark"		Movie: "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom"							
(26) JAG	Combat Missions	Movie: "The Brady Bunch Movie"		The Brady Bunch Movie						
(27) Law & Order	Biography	Wild Ride of Outlaw Bikers: Real and Imagined		Law & Order						
(12) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Tombstone"		News		In the Heat of the Night				
(39) Wolf Blitzer	Crossfire	Stories	The Point	Larry King Live	Newsnight	Crossfire	Moneyline			

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 9, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) NHL Hockey	Calgary Flames at Boston Bruins		Entertainment Tonight	Star Trek: Voyager						
(32) State	Jim	Movie: "The Face on the Milk Carton"		Vanished	Grave Secrets					
(6) Maine	Selznick	Movie: "Godzilla"		Law & Order	News	Sat. Night				
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Live and Let Die"		News	Buffy					
(10) Walk-Milestones	Red Green Live '02		Red Green's of Cars and Men	Red Green						
(22) College Basketball	College Basketball: Big East Championship		College Basketball: Mountain West Championship							
(34) Rodeo: PRCA Wrangler	Monster Jam	Robot Wars	Robot Wars	WWF Excess	WWF Excess	WWF Late Night				
(13) College Basketball	Touched by an Angel	Agency	District		News	Andromeda				
(41) College Hockey	Hockey East Tournament Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA		See This	See This	Beyond the Glory					
(15) "Vertical Limit" Cont'd	Movie: "The Laramie Project"	Boxing: Angel Manfredy vs. Paul Spadafora								
(17) Proud	Lizzie	Movie: "Cade Kelly"		Movie: "Double Teamed"						
(18) Thick	Movie: "Forrest Gump"		Movie: "Red Planet"							
(20) College Hockey	ECAC Tournament Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News				
(44) Movie: Seduced by Madness	The Diane Borchardt Story			Beyond Chance						
(5) Movie: Above the Law		Movie: "Hard to Kill"		Movie: "Simon Sez"						
(24) Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	All That	Amanda	Taliah	Nick	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers	
(25) Raiders of the Lost Ark	Movie: "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom"		Movie: "Batman"							
(26) Movie: "I Contra Peace"		Movie: "Hard Rain"		Law & Order						
(27) Law & Order	Behind Closed Doors	Inspector Morse: Deadly Slumber		100 Centre Street						
(12) Fam. Mat.	Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at Chicago Bulls		News	Platoon					
(39) Capital Gang	CNN Presents	Larry King Weekend	CNN Saturday Night	Capital Gang						

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MOUNTAIN EXPLORER
Bethel to Sunday River

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Events Calendar



Public Computer Access — The SAD44 Adult Learning Center, on Philbrook Street in Bethel, offers literacy services, GED preparation, academic skills instruction to prepare for employment or college, and career and educational advising. The Learning Center computer lab is open for public use by adults during hours that the Learning Center is open: Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. Additional winter hours for the computer lab are: Monday, 5 to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 5 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 5 to 8 p.m.

Seniors' Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Come alone or bring a friend. Reservations are important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. — **Water Aerobics at Bethel Inn** — Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings. Call 875-2065 for more information.

8:30 p.m. — **Fireworks at Sunday River Ski Resort** every Thursday and Saturday night throughout the winter.

Mondays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. — **Tai Chi classes** at Harper Conference Room/Ripley Medical Building, South Paris, taught by Betsy Foster, MPH. Eight weeks. To register, call 875-2427.

9 a.m. — **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Town and Country Mobile Home Park community center, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net *****

Thursday, March 7

11:30 a.m. — Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting at the Town Annex, Bryant Pond. Potluck lunch at noon. Each one is to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert and place setting. Program will be on Medicare.

Friday, March 8

7 p.m. — **Woodstock Republican Caucus** at the Conference Room of the Town Office.

7 p.m. — **Art Moves Dance Studio**, 13 Cottage Street, Norway, will host an informal showing of amateur and professional work in drumming, dance, poetry, song, etc., by performers of all ages. Suggested donation: \$3 to \$5 at door. For more information, call 743-5569.

Saturday, March 9

5 to 6:30 p.m. — **Public Supper** (turkey, beans, hot dogs, potluck) at South Paris Fire Station to benefit North Waterford Fair. 50/50 raffle, pie auction, \$6; under five free.

8 to 11:30 p.m. — **Old-Fashioned Dance** at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

7 to 10 p.m. — **Swingin' Bears Square Dance**, a Mainstream Plus Level Dance at the Oxford Hills Middle School, Pine Street, Caller: Lee Kennedy; cuer, Sally Lennox, Everyone invited.

4 to 6 p.m. — **Chinese Auction at Oxford Hills Comprehensive School cafeteria**. 10 tickets for \$2.50. Snacks available. Proceeds to benefit Project Graduation. Donations accepted. For information, call 966-3636.

First annual C.N.Brown/Mt. Abram/Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Ski Day (rescheduled from March 2). Fun events, games, prizes, BB-Qs, après ski party and a Beach Ball Avalanche. Balls are \$5 each at Mt. Abram Base Lodge. Mt. Abram will donate \$5 of every lift ticket sold and proceeds will go toward purchase of thermal imaging camera for Bethel Fire Department.

10 a.m. to noon — **"Plants for Winter Interest,"** slide show and talk at McLaughlin Garden, 97 Main Street, South Paris. Hardy perennials and shrubs that will increase wintertime color and texture. \$7.50 includes tea, coffee and scones. Please reserve place by calling 743-8820.

Sunday, March 10

2 p.m. — **Greenwood Republican Caucus** at the Town Office.

Monday, March 11

Delayed Start at Telstar Middle/High School will be 9:25 a.m. Students who drive should arrive no earlier than 9:15 a.m. The delay will not affect the elementary schools.

Support Services

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food need in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, South Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services

(State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590). 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday; location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome)

Mental Illness Support Group

Bearon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional or physical illness, provides support, relaxation and socialization. Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or (800) 335-9999 off hours. 928-3222.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 a.m. October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian, 824-2520.

Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to the Public.

Hannum Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Upton Library: Saturdays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Second Wednesday: Gillett selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office, mailed in or photostated at 824-2444.

The deadline is Monday noon.

The Bethel Citizen

Child Events play/crafts time and dinner at Chisholm School, 100 York Street, Rumford, sponsored by Community Concepts. Free and open to public. For more information or to sign up, call Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-7716).

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. — **Celebrating Fatherhood**, Father and Child Events play/crafts time and dinner at Chisholm School, 100 York Street, Rumford, sponsored by Community Concepts. Free and open to public. For more information or to sign up, call Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-7716).

7 p.m. — **Pineland Ski Club meeting** at Andover Town Hall, Call Leon Akers for more information (392-3157).

7 p.m. — **Public Forum on Bethel 2003 Committee** proposed development regulations at Telstar Regional High School library.

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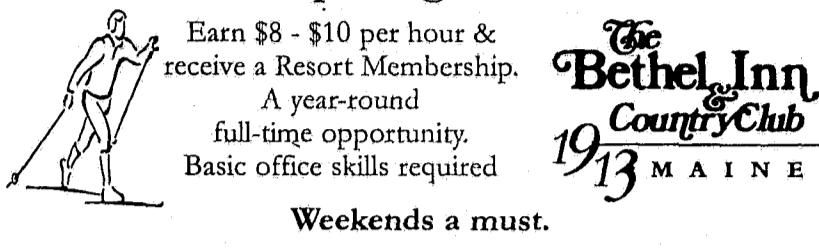
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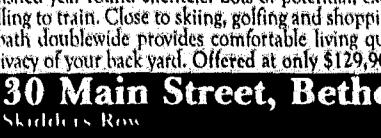
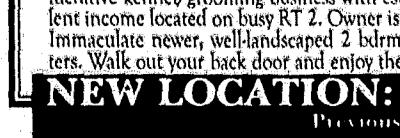
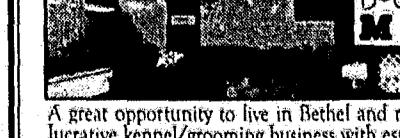
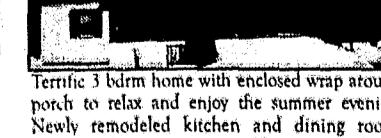
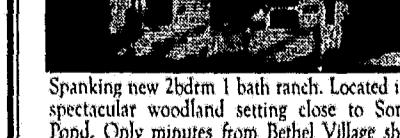
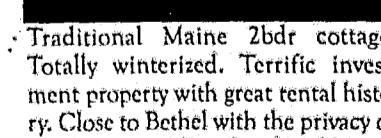
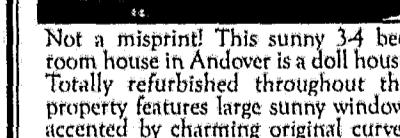
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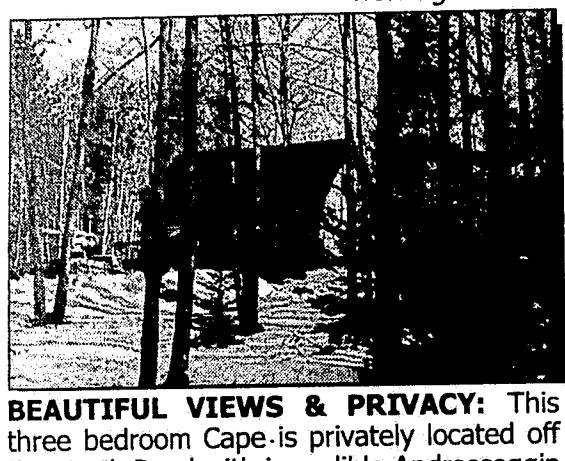


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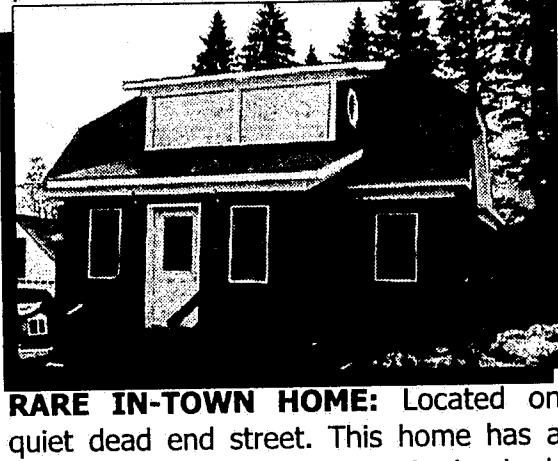
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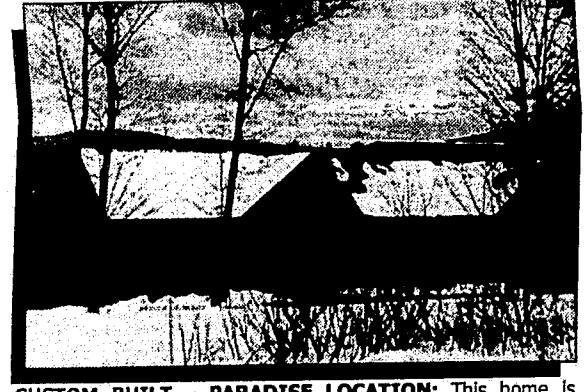
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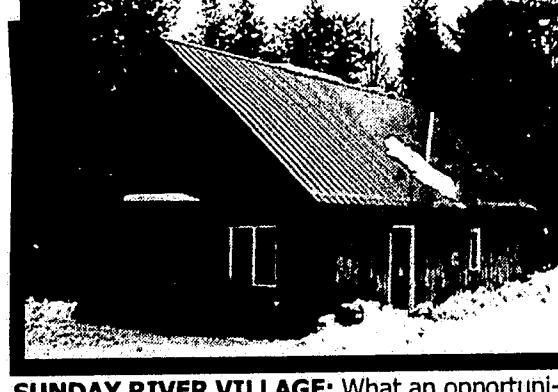
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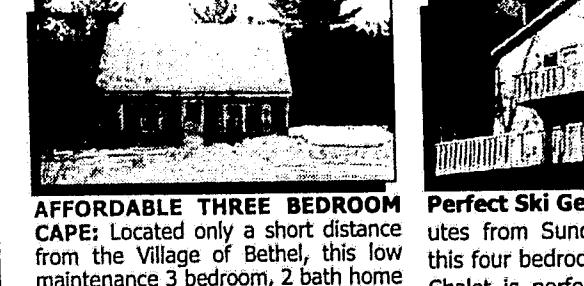
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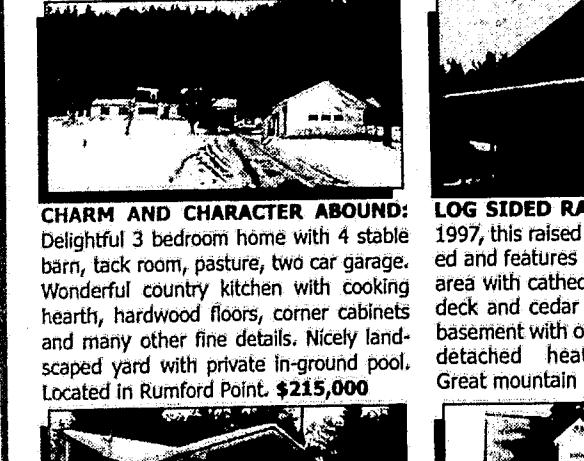
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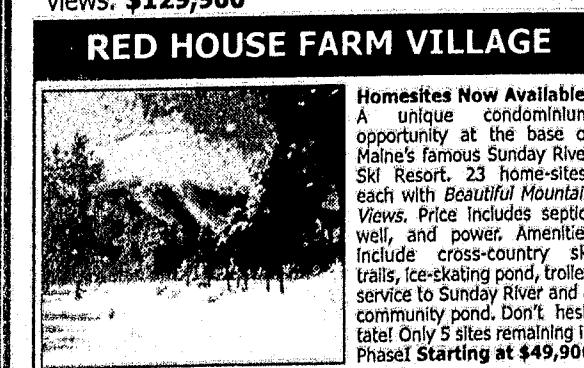
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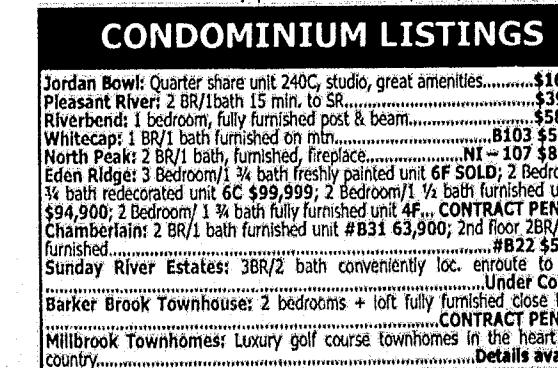
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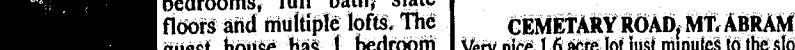
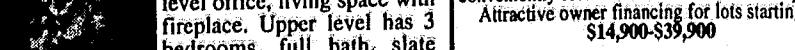
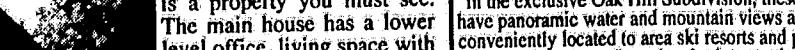
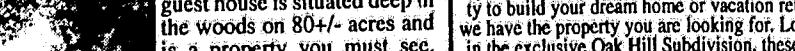
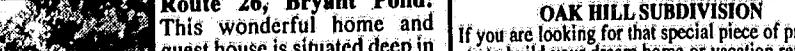
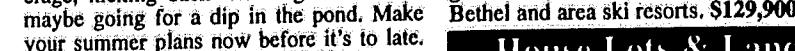
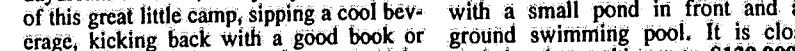
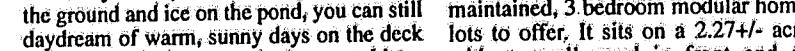
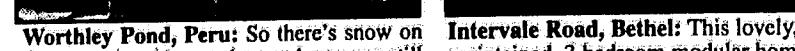
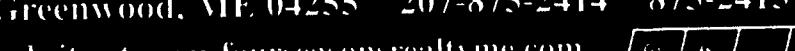
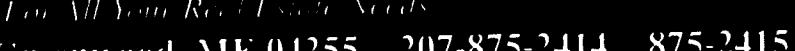
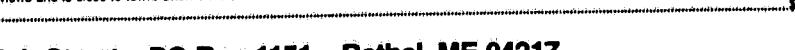
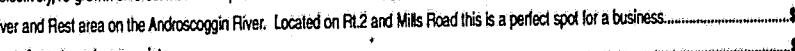
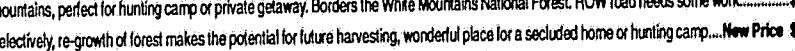
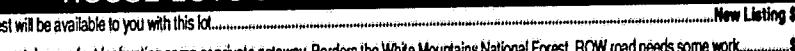
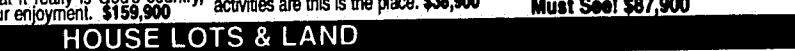
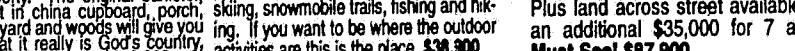
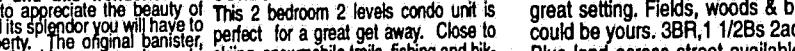
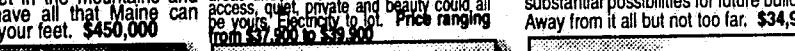
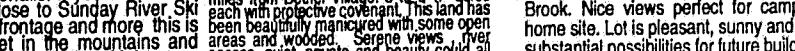
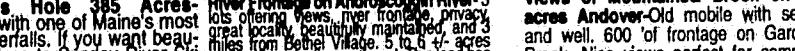
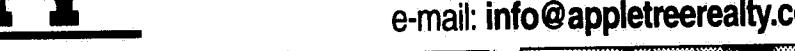
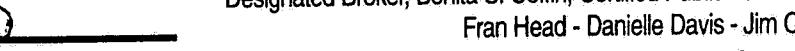
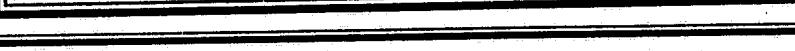
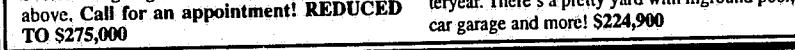
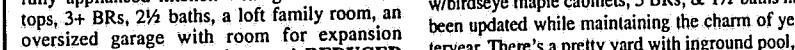
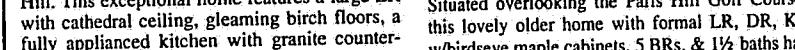
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Obituaries

CHARLOTTE R. THOMPSON

Charlotte R. Thompson, 89, of Woodstock, formerly of Belfast, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002 at the Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris.

Born in East Belfast on July 9, 1912, the daughter of Elmer B. and Nellie (Ripley) Decrow, she received her education in Belfast schools, graduating from Crosby High School in the Class of 1929. She was also a graduate of the Maine School of Commerce in Bangor.

She married Karl R. Thompson in 1954. She was a homemaker and had been employed for many years at Easter Illustrating and Publishing Company, which made postcards, and later at Belfast Free Library, retiring in 1984.

She attended St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Belfast and served as a Sunday school teacher at one time. She also served as a Gray Lady at Togus Veterans' Hospital. She enjoyed playing cards and word games, as well as golf, when her health permitted.

Survivors include one son, John Rohde of Belfast; one daughter, Marta Clements of Bryant Pond; one stepdaughter, Shirley Harvey of Northport; three grandsons; two step-grandsons; four great-granddaughters; one great-grandson; two step-great-grandchildren; and once niece. She was predeceased by her husband in 1997.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Swanville.

MARY BALTHIS HARRELL

On Feb. 26, 2002, Mary Balthis Harrell, a beautiful and loving mother, passed away, with her son, Loy, at her side.

She was born on April 29, 1903, in Charlottesville, Va. She spent most of her youth in Virginia and in 1939 moved to Pennsauken, N.J., where she raised her family. She lived the last 19 years with her son, Loy, and his wife, Rae, in Hinesburg, Vt. She will be remembered for the devotion and love of her children and her grandchildren, whom she always addressed as "Precious."

Survivors include her son, Loy

and his wife of Hinesburg, Vt.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Loy Sherman Harrell Sr. in 1961 and by her beautiful daughter, Mary Patricia in 1983.

Burial will be at the Bethel Cemetery, Pennsauken, N.J.

HUBERT J. MOORE

Hubert J. Moore passed away on Feb. 28, 2002 in Arizona. He was born on Oct. 30, 1923, in Presque Isle and moved to Arizona in 1975.

Survivors include his wife, Anita T.; a brother, Bernerd L. of Tempe, Ariz.; a sister, Betty J. Benner of Locke Mills; a daughter, Kathleen A. Schaefer; a grandson; four granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren.

WILBUR S. VILES

Wilbur S. Viles, 87, of Paris died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002 at Market Square Health Care Center, South Paris..

He was born in Anson on April 4, 1914, the son of George H. and Lucy Salisbury Viles. He was educated in the Madison and Waterville schools and Hebron Academy. He also attended Colby College. He married Eleanor Rose of Waterville in 1937.

He lived in South Paris and on Paris Hill for over 60 years, but embraced much of Maine.

He spent summers as a youth at his mother's family homestead in Hull's Cove, Bar Harbor where he enjoyed hand lining from a dory in Frenchman's Bay.

Throughout his life he spent time fishing, hunting and traveling throughout the regions of the upper Kennebec and western Maine. Community was a great deal of his pride and pleasure. The many friendships in the Oxford Hills enriched his life.

His activity as a member and leader included the Buck's School PTA, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, Paris Hill Community Club, Paris Public Library, among others. For 30 years, he was a proud member of the Paris Fire Department and the department's long-time secretary/treasurer. He also served as the treasurer of the Paris Hill Water Co.

Mr. Decker was employed as a mechanic for VIP in Norway and previously at Northeast Tire. He enjoyed going to horse races and fairs, fishing and hunting as well as boating on Thursday nights.

Survivors include his mother, Loraine Fadden of South Paris; a daughter, Bonnie Pretty of Arizona;

PHILLIP "GLENN" DECKER

Philip G. "Glenn" Decker Sr., 54, of Hebron, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002 at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Born in Portland, Aug. 6, 1947, the son of Philip C. and Sandra Lorraine Reed Decker, he attended schools in Limington.

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Dear neighbors, friends, teachers, students, and parents of Spring Street Dance Theater and teacher Lisa Fox and students at Child's Play, and Northeast Bank for your cards, flowers, plants, fruit baskets, and other special gifts and of course your prayers. It truly is appreciated and helped in my recovery. I also want to thank my family for their visits and constant care. It's so great to be loved!

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a son, Philip Jr. of New Hampshire; three brothers, Donnie and his wife Claudette of Augusta, Stephen and his wife Debbie Fryeburg and Rusty Fadden of South Paris; six sisters, Sandra and her husband Gary Gagnon of Litchfield, Shirley and her husband Scott Jewett, Robin Sanborn and her companion Tinker Berry all of Oxford, Lauri and her husband Robert Knight of South Paris; Carol Mowatt of Auburn and Wendy and her husband Jerry Kennison of West Paris; several grandchildren; 22 nieces and nephews; and his longtime companion, Ethel McKenzie of Hebron. He was predeceased by his father.

Graveside services will be private

at the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Augusta. Donations may

be made in her memory to The Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.

ALBERT F. COTTON

Albert F. Cotton, 91, of 15 Church Street, Bethel died Monday, March 4, 2002 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway.

He was born in Newport on Oct. 9, 1910, the son of Ray E. and Annie F. Gibbs Cotton. He attended schools in Brunswick and West Paris High School. On Dec. 20, 1928, he married Mildred Louise

Nay of Mechanic Falls. Graveside services will be held in the spring at South Bridgton Cemetery, Bridgton. Donations can be made to the American Lung Association, 122 State Street, Augusta, ME 04330.

MARY BESSAW

Mary E. Besaw, 87, of West

Paris, died Saturday, March 2, 2002

at Ledgeview Living Center, West

Paris. For many years she resided

in the Bryant Pond and West Paris area.

She was born in Eastport on Feb.

8, 1915, a daughter of John and Faustina (Morrison) Chevrier, and completed her high school education in Malden, Mass.

Over the years, Mary had been a

piano teacher, dance teacher, professional piano player in show business, once played for Sammy Davis Jr., and over the years had been active in the volunteer reading program for the Woodstock school system.

She was married to Herbert E.

Gaddis on Nov. 7, 1941, in Winthrop, Mass., and then married in Gardiner on May 1, 1959, to Allen Besaw, who died Feb. 24, 1985.

Survivors include a daughter, Betsey Benson and her husband Thomas of Winthrop, Mass.; a grandson; a sister, Margaret Glynn of Eastport; and several nieces and nephews.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to the Hathaway and Bennett

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WATCHBANDS	MINEO	HOOD	
NBA	ALITO	COPYBOOKS	
ADDIE	FAKIR	BASTE	
ABATE	ELLIOT	TENT	
FIREPLACES	JIRAO	DRB	
ALA	ERBIAITA	KEANU	PAR
RED	AKIDA	CHIRP	EVADE
STEPP	SOON	TALON	
SWAP	DROPOOKIES	ISNT	
QAROM	RAPID	WATAN	
AKITA	BRAT'S	EDSER	ARO
LEIS	SERUM	COLIENT	LOA
ENE	SHIT	SPREADSHEETS	
DAZE	ROGUE	EMCEE	
ELEGY	SALAD	MARAT	
PLACEMATS	SARA	GEE	
EMIR	EXACTLY	STRIPMALLS	
NEENE	SITAR	PAGE	IDEST
TREE	SELLA	AGES	RENEE

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Snowmaking, natural snow, superb grooming, affordable prices - that's why people choose Mt. Abram.

Thursdays & Fridays - 2 for 1 Skiing & Snowboarding

Saturday 3/9 - Mt. Abram Race Series, 1pm

Sunday 3/10 - Maine State Ski Challenge Finals & Pepsi Family Fun Day